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April 13, 1989

Susan Lovely Crowned "Miss Agawam"; Deanna Knodler, Elisa Newman Also Crowned



THE THREE WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL "Miss Agawam Pageant," held Friday, March 31st, at the Agawam Junior High School. From left - Elisa Newman, Junior Division; Deanna Knodler, Teen Division; and Susan Lovely, "Miss Agawam." RELATED PHOTOS IN SCHOOL SECTION. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE THREE AGAWAM GIRLS who were named "Most Photogenic" at the Annual "Miss Agawam Pageant" on March 31st - Tricia Parentella, Jennifer Schuster, and Andrea Parent. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

School Dept. Budget Battleground For Two Mayoral Candidates

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Mayoral Candidate and Town Councilor Christopher Johnson says he "will make it a priority to keep all teachers on the job" but adds that he and other town councilors also have to consider the state financial situation, a situation that could impact on whether or not teachers - or any other town employees will actually face lay-off in fiscal year 1990.

"I tell it like it is," Johnson said prior to Tuesday's School Budget hearing at the Agawam Junior High School.

"And it's irresponsible to make promises to fund and protect all jobs," Johnson added, referring to his opponent, Town Councilor Frederick Nardi.

"I'll make no promises without a [financial] commitment from the state," Johnson said, adding that his number one priority is the school budget.

However, Mayoral candidate Frederick Nardi has repeatedly said as Mayor, he would not allow any teachers to be laid-off due to budget restraints.

Nardi said that based on his many years of experience in dealing with budgets, he has the know-how to squeeze every cent from the town's fiscal 1990 budget to insure that all teachers who received lay-off notices will be recalled.

Nardi criticized Johnson's "no promise position," saying that Johnson's inexperience with budgets prompted such a response.

For his part, Johnson says that too many unknown factors are involved in making promises on teacher layoffs.

"Last year the state budget was finalized before

April 1st," Johnson noted, adding that state law mandates the issuance of layoff notices on a prescribed timetable that does not necessarily wait for a finished budget. So even though Johnson pledges to work to keep all town teachers on the payroll next year, there are no guarantees, Johnson said.

"Every indication we've had from the state is to expect the worst," Johnson adds.

Johnson says he continues to be focused on education in his issue-oriented campaign to be Agawam's first Mayor, and that campaign strategy earned a first-term councilor a 2-1 victory over his nearest competitor (Nardi) in the town's first Mayoral Primary Election on March 28th.

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The only break in his campaign stride comes with a rebuttal to Nardi's charges of inexperience and lack of management skills.

In refuting those claims, Johnson cites ownership of investment real estate, a thriving law practice in Northampton, prior business ownership and management, employment with the State of Connecticut, and involvement with contract negotiations for their Office of Labor Relations.

"I'm not going to answer his (Nardi's) ads anymore," Johnson says. "I'm going to focus on the issues."

Johnson notes that he was informed on Monday by Chamber of Commerce member Mark Haymes that Nardi had "backed out of the only scheduled public debate (April 26th) of the campaign."

Johnson adds that two other debates - one to be televised and another restricted to seniors at the Agawam Senior Center, will not accommodate an audience of voting taxpayers.

Nardi says he declined the Chamber of Commerce debate because of several scheduling conflicts, and that other debates have already been slated to air the issues and differences between the two candidates.

When questioned after Tuesday's public hearing on the School Budget, Nardi said he needs to fully review the \$13.5 million spending request before issuing any firm comment.

When asked how he would handle the issue of possible teacher layoffs, Nardi recommended using \$50,000 in leftover DPW snow removal budget monies from fiscal year 1989 to offset the cost of keeping the teachers on the payroll.

Nardi has said his experience factor, combined with his many years in business and municipal government, gives him the decisive edge over Johnson, who has served on the Town Council for 18 months.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of RONALD J. FORTUNE agent for LARRY BURRIS who is seeking relief from Section 20-7 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the expansion of a non-conforming structure at the premises identified as 321 MAIN STREET. The purpose of the proposed expansion is to allow the encroachment into the rear yard setback of a proposed addition to the existing building.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR Tony Albro and Veterans Agent Ruth Bitzas select site for flagpole to be placed near the Agawam War Memorial At Benjamin Phelps School Green. Dedication ceremonies are planned for Saturday, May 27th. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Memorial Bell Comm. Seeks Women Vets

The Agawam Memorial Bell Committee extends an invitation to all women veterans to participate in parade and ceremonies to dedicate the town's new Veteran War Memorial located on the green of Benjamin Phelps School on Main Street. The Committee will provide a banner for participants.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 27th. The parade will assemble at the Southworth Paper Company on Main Street and proceed to the Benjamin Phelps School green where dedication ceremonies will be held.

Veteran Agent Ruth Bitzas urges all women veterans to band together to help make "Dedication Day" one that will long be remembered. Please contact Veteran Services, Town Hall at 786-0400, extension 237 as soon as possible.

Dog Licences Due In Agawam For Renewal

by Robert Burke
Animal Control Officer

As of April 1st, the 1989 dog licenses are due for renewal in Agawam. Sometimes it's not always convenient to renew your dog's license between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Town Clerk's office.

So, we've arranged for dog licenses to be sold on Saturday, April 15th, between the hours of 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Feeding Hills Animal Hospital, 1194 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

We are also conducting a Rabies Clinic at the same time and location (thanks to Dr. Richard Vincunas for use of his facilities).

If your dog or cat is due for its rabies vaccination, please feel free to bring your pet to the clinic.

A note of information—Adult dogs should be vaccinated once every three years and cats are once every year. The fee for the vaccination is \$7 per animal. The cost for dog licenses are as follows: Dogs not spayed or neutered—\$10 and spayed or neutered dogs—\$4.

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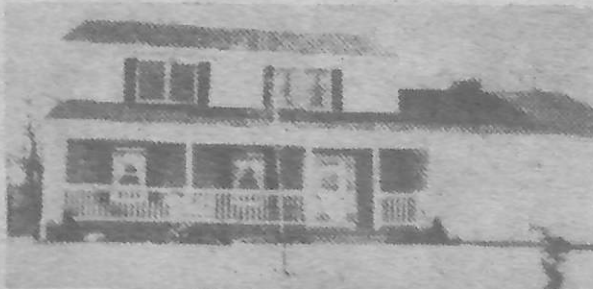
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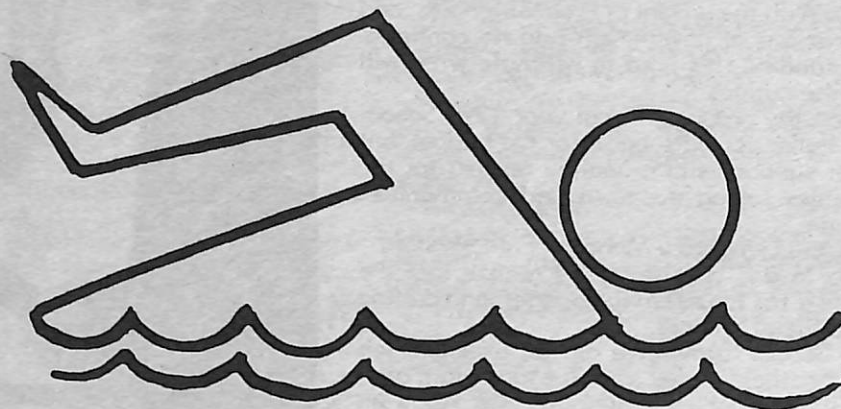
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Council Chairwoman On School Budget Offers Caution

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"I am strongly interested in education in Agawam," says Councilor Jessie Fuller, chairwoman of the Town Council School Budget Sub-committee. "But we have to be realistic. With the advent of Proposition 2½, and with the restrictions of government and no confirmation of state funding, it's hard to estimate what will happen with the budget."

In discussing the proposed fiscal year 1990 School Budget, Mrs. Fuller voiced support for the budget, but tempered that support with a healthy respect for the financial realities facing the town and communities across the state.

The manager (Temporary Manager Fred Messier) has a big job to do," she states. "I realize that the school request is the largest in the budget, and cutting it will mean difficult choices."

"I feel the School Committee did an excellent job putting it all together," Fuller said Tuesday night after the School Budget public hearing at the Agawam Junior High School on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Fuller is serving her first term on the Town Council. She is a former long-time member of the Agawam School Committee.

The School Committee has tentatively okayed a \$13.5 million budget that represents a 12.9 percent increase over the fiscal year 1989 funding, despite requests from the town manager to adhere to level funding of all municipal budgets.

"Curriculum, books, and the tools to educate are the most important part of the budget," she adds. "And salaries that are negotiated are immovable items."

Mrs. Fuller does, however, question the fact that while many school budget items are questioned and/or cut, "the athletic budget for the system is accepted as is."

"Some schools charge fees for athletics. Some have to cut back on athletics. Something's got to give," she adds, noting that schools are intended to educate first.

"A balanced budget has to be reflected in all departments in this town," Mrs. Fuller states.

"It's hard to say where the cuts will come," she says. "But there will be cuts. It's presumptuous to say - as one [Mayoral] candidate did, that no teacher layoffs will occur if he's elected."

Mrs. Fuller was referring to recent comments made by Mayoral candidate Frederick Nardi, who promised, if elected, that no staff members in the School Department would be laid-off. Nardi also said his opponent, fellow Town Councilor Christopher Johnson, would not make that same promise because he lacks experience in dealing with budgets.

Mrs. Fuller notes that every year layoff notices are issued and every year "all the teachers are brought back."

Mrs. Fuller remains concerned about the delay in receiving the "cherry sheets" from state officials, which detail the forthcoming amounts of state aid to cities and towns. "We don't have EEOG [Equal Educational Opportunity Grant] monies yet either. It's hard to justify a budget when you don't have all the figures. All we can do is estimate."

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 20, 1989 at 7:15 PM in the Town Clerk's Conference Room, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of John Hill for a Definitive Subdivision Plan. This proposed subdivision consists of 4 lots to be located easterly of Line Street.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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Vanderhoof Sworn-In By Dukakis To Board



ROBERT VANDERHOOF, owner and operator of Agawam Opticians on Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, is sworn-in as a member for a term expiring January 1st, 1994 of the Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians by Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis (left). Looking on are Vanderhoof's proud family - his wife, Barbara, and son and daughter, Aaron and Erica.

Public Hearing On School Budget Brings Out Hard Financial Facts About Town's Schools

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The School Committee at a public hearing on Tuesday night at the Agawam Junior High School presented a \$13,558,931 budget to be approved and forwarded to the town manager for review later this week.

School Superintendent James V. Bruno, Jr., addressed some 50 interested taxpayers and teachers at the public hearing with the financial facts of life regarding the School Department's proposed budget for fiscal year 1990.

Bruno cited the "uncertainty of the local government regarding local dollars" and the "uncertainty of funding and finance at the state level" as factors influencing what will happen to his requests.

"We don't expect to hear anything on the cherry sheets [state funding] until June," Bruno reiterated. "We have to set priorities."

He detailed the issuance of layoff notices, which will be received by some 60 teachers later this week, adding that the notices were required by law on a predetermined timetable, and expressed the hope and expectation that when the budget hurdles were finally cleared at the end of this fiscal year in July, "all of those teachers would be recalled."

"It's a precautionary measure," Bruno stipulated. "It's a measure to comply with state requirements."

Associate Superintendent Donald Charest explained areas of vital concern on the budget, with textbooks topping that list.

"We are woefully behind in the number of books we have and in the year of copyright," Charest explained that some classrooms are using "obsolete" texts

copyrighted as far back as 1978. "Books should be replaced at least every five years," he added.

He pointed out that in some schools in Agawam the "library" is in the hallways or on the stage areas, with as few as three tiers of books to a school "library."

"We are drastically below standard," he stated. In fact, Agawam is 87 percent below state average when it comes to textbooks and library books within the school system, according to Charest.

Charest also referred to a proposal to buy three 16-passenger mini-buses to be used to transport special needs students, and added that the \$30,000 proposed capital expenses for the vehicles would be recouped within one year, as the cost of transporting those students is now \$40,000 a year.

Charest noted that 75 percent of the proposed budget, or \$10,099,321, is allocated for administrative and teachers salaries. All other expenses involved in running the schools total \$3,459,610, or the remaining 25 percent of the fiscal 1990 request, he added.

Of the \$1,559,876 increase, \$584,661 is designated for non-salaried items, with \$975,215 representing negotiated increases for personnel.

The School Committee started fiscal 1990 deliberations with a \$14.1 million request, and have since pared that down to the present \$13.5 million that will be submitted to Town Manager Fred Messier later this week.

Messier will review the budget, make recommended cuts and submit the entire Town Budget package to the Town Council by May 1st.

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Messier Predicts Substantial Cuts In All Budgets Submitted By Department Heads

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"There will be substantial cuts in all department budgets," according to Temporary Town Manager Fred Messier, who says he is "making progress" in his preparation of Agawam's fiscal 1990 budget.

Messier expects to receive the school budget this week following a mandated public hearing on that budget Tuesday night. It was the last, and the largest, budget request to cross his desk.

"I'll start to look at that as soon as it crosses my desk," Messier said.

The School Department has tentatively okayed a \$13.5 million budget, a 12.9 percent increase over the fiscal year 1989 operating budget.

With budget requests topping \$31 million, and no financial commitments expected from the state before June, it's "impossible" to say whether anyone will get their requested budget increases, according to Messier.

Agawam's fiscal 1989 budget of \$28 million is \$3 million less than department heads feel will be necessary for the coming fiscal year, despite warnings to restrict themselves to a "level funded" budget.

The Department of Public Works has submitted a budget of some \$4 million, of which some \$200,000 to \$300,000 is expected to be chopped. The current DPW operating budget is \$3.6 million.

The expected cuts in the DPW expenditure could

mean placing such items as pavement improvement plans and equipment acquisitions on hold, or simply wiping them off the planning board completely.

Level-funding translates into budget cuts in the real world, because negotiated labor contracts and costs of living increases are not reflected on that balance sheet, Messier notes.

Before commenting on any of his proposed cuts, Messier intends to meet individually with department heads to discuss their requests and the feasibility of funding them. Messier expects the computerized print-out of the budget within the next few weeks. He plans to submit it - along with his recommended cuts - to the Town Council by May 1st.

Though the School Department will notify some 50-60 teachers of pending layoffs this week, those layoffs may or may not actually come to pass.

However, state laws mandate the notifications within a specified timetable, and that timetable pre-dates the finalizing of the municipal budget. There is also no indications as to whether any municipal positions would be eliminated.

Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno has stated several times that no teacher layoffs will be necessary if Messier keeps the \$13.2 million school budget intact.

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The Agawam Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding procedure, if it be in the public interest to do so.

The Agawam Housing Authority is an affirmative action/equal opportunity agency.

Frank Chriscola, Jr.
Chairman

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AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Agawam Housing Authority, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA will receive sealed bids for furnishing:

One (1) new 1989 One Ton Dump Truck on April 18, 1989 at the Agawam Housing Authority Administrative Office, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA until 2:00 P.M. at which time all bids will be opened and read aloud.

Property Tax Payments At A Slow Trickle

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"It's going much slower than we expected."

According to Town Treasurer Rudolfo Altobelli, only some \$500,000 in property tax payments have been collected by his office since tax bills were mailed out two weeks ago.

"You can't really blame the taxpayers," he adds. "After all, it was just about two-and-half months ago that they were paying their first half bills, which had been mailed in mid-December."

Tax bills for the first half of the year were delayed for almost three months, the final link in a chain of problems originating with revaluation of all land in Agawam.

Altobelli expects to collect revenues totaling \$7.2 million by May 1st, the first date to pay taxes without penalty. In fact, on May 1st his office will remain open until 6:00 p.m. to accommodate last minute taxpayers.

"I'm very disappointed in the rate of payment," he adds, "but I don't foresee any financial problems for the town because of it."

Altobelli notes that the town has some \$2 million invested in local banks accruing interest at a 10 percent rate, and the balance sheets are in the black, at least for the present.

Altobelli cautions taxpayers that payments that are even one day late are assessed interest at a monthly rate, a penalty established by the state.

"That comes to \$8 or \$9 on the average tax bill," he said. He credits the rapid payments on the earlier tax bills to the fact that many taxpayers wanted to take credit for that tax payment on their 1988 federal income tax returns, and before paid as soon as they received their bills.

The treasurer reported that to date, \$2,500 has been donated to the town's Scholarship Fund, money that will be invested as a base from which scholarships will be awarded beginning in 1990. Altobelli said that applications for those scholarships will be available in the Agawam High School Guidance Office late next winter. Contributions can be made by adding a designated amount to one's tax bills and checking off the appropriate donation box.

Contributions of as little as \$1 or as much as an individual wishes to contribute will be accepted, Altobelli concluded.

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State Fire Marshall Offers Reward For Info On King Street Blaze

The Agawam Fire and Police Departments, along with the State Fire Marshall's Office, are investigating a fire at 39 King Street in North Agawam on March 1st, 1989. The rapid burning fire destroyed the two story home which was unoccupied and in the process of being renovated.

The State Fire Marshall's office is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for any

information leading to a conviction of the party or parties involved in the setting of this fire.

Anyone with information is asked to call Deputy Chief David Pisano of the

Agawam Fire Department at 786-0657 or the Agawam Police Department at 786-4767. Your call will be strictly confidential.

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Town Council Meeting
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Thursday, April 20th
Planning Board
Town Clerk's Conference Room
7:15 P.M.

Thursday, April 27th
Board of Appeals
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7:30 p.m.

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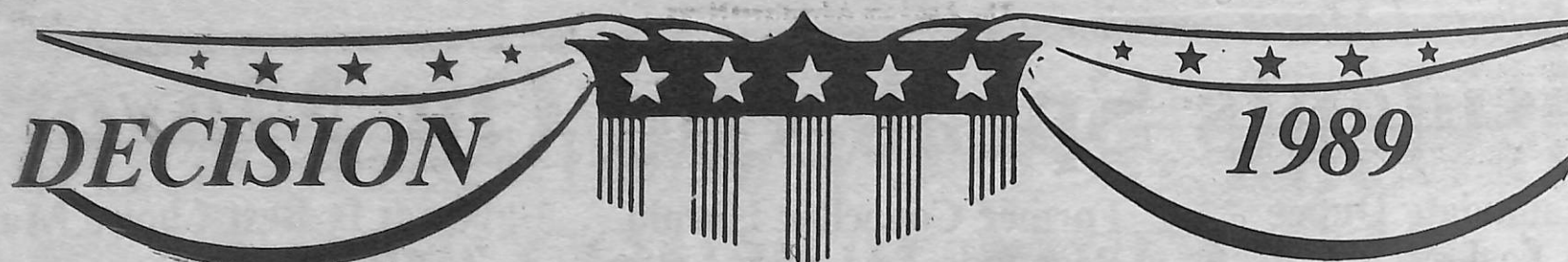
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MAYORAL CANDIDATE FREDERICK NARDI (center-right) and his campaign supporters rallied at their Main Street Headquarters last Saturday morning before a busy day of campaigning. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nardi Blasts Johnson On Messier's Pay

Mayoral candidate Frederick Nardi today blasted his opponent, fellow Town Councilor Christopher Johnson, for what Nardi termed as irresponsible fiscal management in dealing with the salary of Temporary Town Manager Frederick Messier.

Nardi said, "At the last Town Council meeting Mr. Messier's salary was on the agenda for action. A motion was made to propose a salary of \$50,000 for him (Messier). A second motion was made by myself for \$45,000, but this was defeated.

"My opponent, Mr. Johnson, then made a motion that would pay Mr. Messier \$54,000. When Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Messier how much he was currently earning, he (Messier) replied '38,000'.

"I am amazed at the concerns of Town Manager Messier that all departments have to level fund their budgets, make room for possible layoffs in the fiscal 1990 budget, and reduce services to the citizens of this community, but he easily accepts what figures to be a \$17,000 per year raise that brings his salary from \$730

per week to \$1030 per week (over his nine-week stay as temporary town manager).

"But the biggest farce is Mr. Johnson is the one who made the motion to pay Mr. Messier this amount. It shows that Mr. Johnson has no perception of financial responsibility.

"The new Mayor will only receive \$50,000 and yet the Johnson proposal will pay a temporary town manager \$4,000 more. This is a case of 'take care of your business as usual politics,' and then tell the world that cuts in education and services will have to be made because of the shortage in funds," Nardi said.

Nardi also strongly criticized Johnson for not voting to remove asbestos from the Agawam Public Schools. Nardi said 10 of the 11 members of Town Council voted in favor of this, while his opponent was the only dissenter.

"Regardless of what Mr. Johnson may say, he did vote not to remove asbestos from the public schools of

Agawam because he believes it cost too much. But he didn't think it was too much to raise a 'friend's' salary to \$54,000 per year.

"Once again this shows that the actions of a 27-year old (Johnson) are immature and with no business experience. It also shows a disregard for the residents that may have to do without some services because of a shortage of funds.

"It also shows a lack of fairness on the part of Mr. Johnson. There is a federal law that mandates 'equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, or sex'.

"Mr. Johnson proposed and voted for a \$45,000 for former Town Manager Linda Mundo. And now he proposes \$54,000 for his 'friend' Mr. Messier for the same exact job. How do you think Mrs. Mundo feels that Mr. Johnson has not treated her the same as he treated his 'friend,' Mr. Messier."

"I believe the citizens of this community, especially the women voters, deserve an explanation," concluded Nardi.

"Must Keep Jail Out Of Town" - Johnson

"We must keep the jail out of Agawam," today said Mayoral candidate Christopher Johnson.

"One of the issues that has forced its way to the front of the pack is the location of the proposed Hampden County Jail and House of Correction. Last week the Inspector General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a report to the State Legislature recommending siting the jail in Agawam.

"One of the primary reasons stated in the 19 page report is that construction costs at the Agawam site will be \$26 million less than at the Taylor Street site in Springfield. Another consideration is that the state would save some \$14 million that the City of Springfield seeks in exchange for the Taylor Street property.

"We must fight to keep the jail out of Agawam. Last summer and early fall, I joined with a citizen's group in

collecting signatures on a petition to the County Commissioners to keep the jail out of Agawam. In January of this year, I voted in favor of forming a Task Force of community leaders and citizens to keep the jail out of Agawam. My opponent voted against formation of the Task Force at our January 3rd meeting.

Agawam should not be the site of the jail for the following reasons:

- the proposed site on South Westfield Street is primarily agricultural-residential, and unsuitable for locating a medium-maximum security facility;
- the portion of South Westfield Street under consideration would need repaving and extensive water and sewer work to handle a jail with 850-1,100 beds;
- the siting of the jail in Agawam would have an adverse impact on property values in the immediate area of the jail, as well as in Agawam as a whole;
- Agawam has already borne its fair share of

regional facilities;

•most of the facilities such as the courthouse, hospitals, state agencies, etc. to which prisoners need access are located in Springfield thereby greatly increasing transportation costs;

•many visitors to the jail rely on public transportation which is not presently available to the South Westfield Street site; and

•most importantly—the elected officials, the community leaders, church leaders, business leaders, and the people of Springfield want the jail in Springfield, and the people of Agawam don't want the jail.

"I believe we must lobby the State Legislature through telephone calls, letters, petitions, public testimony and other available means so that they site the jail in Springfield where it belongs, concluded Johnson.

Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...

Residents Speak Out On Mayor

Former Candidate Dupee Taken To Task By Advocates

To The Editor:

In respect to the thousands of Agawam, West Springfield, and Springfield residents who have supported the Advocates For A Safe Environment over the past two years, I'd like to respond to ex-mayoral candidate Colleen Dupee's unwarranted praise of the Fluor Incinerator as published in *The Agawam Advertiser* on March 23rd.

The Advocates For A Safe Environment believe that economics and a few K.W.'s of electricity should be secondary to public health, safety, and environmental threats here in our community, unlike Ms. Dupee and others who consider themselves business "wise."

Ms. Dupee may be speculating on incinerator ash toxicity, but informed people know that recent tests by Fluor for the DEQE showed that six out of seven fly-ash samples failed the toxicity tests as did three out of 14 combined ash samples.

Up to 230 tons of toxic ash have been placed in our landfill since burning began in May 1988.

Ms. Dupee promotes mixing this ash with cement and taking advantage of "low cost, quality cement" to build a new elementary school, library expansion, DPW facility, fire station, and construction of elderly housing."

This procedure has been halted in other parts of the country because the lime in cement when mixed with the acids in the ash actually cause "destabilization" of the metals and toxin production.

Imagine the health ramifications for our town employees, our elderly, and our children if working, living, and learning in this type of environment.

Ms. Dupee never attended one ASE educational meeting or public health hearing in the last 27 months that the group and Public Health Department have been working on this issue, yet she turned to Fluor with her questions after receiving an environmental survey that was mailed to all mayoral candidates recently.

ASE has met repeatedly with two Secretaries of Environmental Affairs, two Commissioners of the DEQE, and the Governor concerning responsible Solid Waste Management. We prompted the recycling ordinance for Agawam, are participating in the production of the Solid Waste Master plan for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, raised the environmental consciousness of almost a half-million people in the Greater Springfield area, and are presently working on safety regulations for the Fluor Incinerator.

Commissioner Dan Greenbaum (DEQE) publicly praised us at the dedication of the Commonwealth's first Materials Recycling facility in November 1988; we received a local newspaper award in December 1988, and a state award for environmental excellence in April 1989.

When the hen house is being raided, you don't question the fox.

Donna Jago
River Road
Advocates For A Safe Environment

Johnson Supporter Says Her Candidate Is Being Positive

To The Editor:

Your April 6th edition of *The Agawam Advertiser* News carried a political advertisement comparing Mr. Nardi's record with that of Mr. Jonson. I would like to address the items as listed in that release.

Both men are natives of Agawam. So far we're even.

Mr. Johnson has had more "formal" education than Mr. Nardi.

Fortunately, there was no war during Mr. Johnson's early life to call him to service. Mr. Nardi, like 12 million other men, served during a World War.

Mr. Nardi pays taxes on property he owns in Agawam. Mr. Johnson pays taxes on property he owns elsewhere.

A lawyer who is a specialist in real estate and tax law, Mr. Johnson has been active in one of the fastest growing fields in today's marked "condominium law"—a plus for him we would say.

Mr. Johnson lives at home. What a refreshing change to find a young man who appreciates and values his family and his home.

The Johnsons are a close knit, caring, deeply devoted American middle class family. We could use more like them.

Through the years, Mr. Johnson has found time to be involved in church and community affairs. He has worked with handicapped children, worked part-time while in school, even when in law school.

His single-minded dedication to the task before him is evident to all who hear him speak.

We had hoped that both candidates would talk about issues, progress, and plans. So far, Mr. Johnson has been positive. We suggest Mr. Nardi do the same.

The Town of Agawam does not need animosity, mud-slinging and dirty politics at this crucial time in its history.

Carolyn Mosher
Agawam
Senior Citizen for Johnson

Former Councilor Harpin Responds To Longo Letter

To The Editor:

An Open Response To Mr. Longo:

I took you up on your offer. I am a very concerned citizen and I **did** review the records which you referred to in your editorial on April 6th in *The Agawam Advertiser* News.

Mr. Longo—Are we reading the same record or do you have one you composed on your own? I find nothing X-rated in these records. Is this the best shot you can take at a man who has been a respected community leader for over 25 years? It amazes me that a person like you would attempt to discredit the reputation and performance of a man who has spent years of dedicated service with what appears to be a figment of your imagination.

While on the subject of performance, Mr. Longo, I seem to remember a man who was on the Manager Search Committee that hired Reid Charles. That man spent taxpayers' money to travel around and check-out the candidates. That man reported back to Agawam that he had finally found the best man for the job. That man had numerous accolades for candidate Charles and even patted his own back for doing such a good job. That man was Peter Longo.

With the above facts in mind, Mr. Longo, I find it difficult to understand why you today attack Mr. Charles and anyone associated with him. Might this be the result of Mr. Charles refusing to jump through the political hoops for you and your cronies?

Might this be the result of a new, more privately-conducted search, which found a new acrobat to jump through these hoops? In any event, your performance on the original search committee leads me to believe that you are either an incompetent, a political hack, or both.

In reviewing the record, Mr. Longo, the issue that becomes clear in my mind is that you and your cronies think nothing of destroying a man and hurting his family to further what you believe will meet your political ends. Just ask the last few managers.

Mr. Nardi will not jump through the hoop for you or your cronies. Is this what you are afraid of, Mr. Longo? I believe that the people of Agawam will see you for what you are—a sour grapes political hanger-on. On second thought, I guess that they already have.

Remember, Mr. Longo, you didn't even make it out of the Primary in the 1987 elections. With any luck, the voters will sweep out the rest of your cronies this fall.

Former Town Councilor
Fred Harpin

Nardi Is Best Choice May 2nd

To The Editor:

Before voting for mayor, you should think which is worse:

- 1) To distribute **premeditated** slanderous leaflets or a slip of the tongue in an argument;
- 2) To distribute premeditated **deceitful** advertising or to be absent from a meeting;
- 3) To **abstain** from voting or to give a definite vote;
- 4) To **lay-off teachers** or to give a scholarship;
- 5) To vote **against** the budget or to vote for the budget;
- 6) To attend to **personal** matters or to attend a meeting concerning the strategy to employ should Springfield raise the water tax 80 percent.
- 7) **Among legislatures** a young person with only 15 months' experience in government and two years as a lawyer or a mature person with 26 years in government and 40 years business experience;
- 8) To put **\$95,000 ahead of safety** for both children and adults or to vote for removal of asbestos from the schools;
- 9) To say **Route 57** is all done for this year or to say it is necessary to walk the papers for Route 57 through the legislature;
- 10) To say **services** cost money or to say collective purchasing will help cut taxes.

If you underlined the words following "or" in all ten items, with a clear conscience, you will vote for Frederick Nardi on May 2nd, 1989.

Harriet S. Koegh
102 Doane Avenue
Agawam

Jail Task Force Receives No Support From Nardi

To The Editor:

Fred Nardi says he will keep the proposed Hampden County Jail out of Agawam, but he seems to have forgotten his past voting record on the issue.

When Attorney Anthony Bonavita placed a citizen's petition on the Town Council's agenda to form a task force to keep the jail out of Agawam, Mr. Nardi voted against it!

We need a mayor who will be a driving force in the fight against the jail. That's why my vote is with Attorney Chris Johnson!

Sincerely,
Maria Sutton
350 Meadow Street
Agawam

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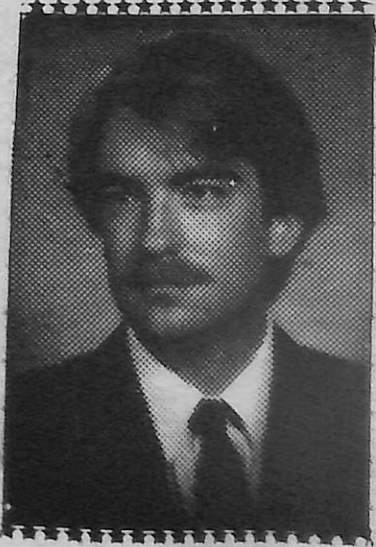
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NARDI HAS 100% VOTING RECORD AT ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS THERE'S NO COMPARISON

ISSUE	COUNCILOR NARDI	COUNCILOR JOHNSON
Official Administrative Meetings Attended	434	32
How Many Annual Budget Reviews	30	1
Elderly Housing Directly Responsible For	34	0
Years Owned Home & Paid Taxes	42 years	0 27 Years Old - Not Married Lives With Mother
How Many Years Supportive Of Needy	17 years	1 year
Years of Civil Service	26 years	1 1/4 years
How Many Council Votes - Abstained	0 Never Abstains Always Votes Yes Or No	8 In One Meeting More Than All Councilors Combined
Business Experience	41 years	2 years

Before NARDI Was 27, He Spent 4 Years In The Marines!

DID I MISS SOME MEETINGS? YES I DID! Some For A Severe **BACK INJURY** (Can Be Verified By Agawam Ambulance & Hospital). Also, Some For A Prolonged Illness. Of Course, Mr. Johnson, With His Lawyer Mentality, Will Use These Times I Was Absent To Make Me Look Bad.

But—You Know What? I Still Will Say A Prayer For Mr. Johnson That God **WILL KEEP HIM HEALTHY, SO THAT LATER IN HIS CAREER, NO ONE WILL PRINT HIS RECORD OUT OF CONTEXT TO MAKE HIM LOOK BAD!**



**VOTE
NARDI
Pull Lever 1A**

Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...

Fair & Open Campaign Turns To Personal Attacks

To The Editor:

After the Primary on March 28th, both candidates promised a fair and open campaign with a concentration on the issues.

How surprised and disgusted I was to find that the first political ad from Councilor Nardi (*Agawam Advertiser News*—April 6th, 1989—Page 9) wasn't a discussion of the issues but a personal attack, an inaccurate one at best, containing such unimportant and non-political items as age, marital status, military service, etc.

What does this have to do with the future of Agawam? Does a married man make a better mayor? If anything, the fact that Attorney Johnson is not married may leave him more time to devote to the citizens of this town.

Is a man without children less qualified to be mayor? This ad seems to imply this. Where is the scientific proof for this inference or is this ad just an attempt to turn the voters' attention from the real issues?

The future of Agawam is too important to be decided on the basis of such petty non-issues.

Look at Attorney Johnson's ad in the same issue (page 7). Here you will find concrete proposals for the future and not personal attacks on the other candidate.

Attorney Johnson wants to discuss the issues and is proud of his positions and voting record which he is prepared to debate with Councilor Nardi at any time. He will explain and defend his positions and not try to cloud this discussion with personal attacks.

On May 2nd, you have a chance to choose between a candidate presenting a positive plan for Agawam's future and one with negative political and personal attacks.

To me, the choice is clear. To me, the choice is Attorney Chris Johnson.

Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills

Age Should Not Be Factor When Considering Johnson

To The Editor:

The voters of Agawam should know that contrary to what Frederick Nardi thinks, youth is not synonymous with inexperience! In Mr. Nardi's ad in the April 6th edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, he states that if Attorney Christopher Johnson becomes mayor, there will be "on the job training." Since Agawam has never had a mayoral form of government nor has Mr. Nardi ever been a mayor, should he win, wouldn't that also be "on the job training"?

We need a mayor who is well-educated, well-versed in the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as our own Municipality, who is a responsible and honest, hard-working individual who will be responsible only to the citizens of Agawam. That candidate is Chris Johnson! Remember that age is not a factor on May 2nd; experience and honesty is. Vote for Attorney Chris Johnson!

Bob & Martina Brennan
11F Mansion Woods
Agawam

24 Year-Old Says Ad Unfair To Younger Town Voters

To The Editor:

I was greatly disappointed to see Fred Nardi's political advertisement on page 9 of the April 6th edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*. When Mr. Nardi's advertisement asked the question "Would you trust your business to a 27 year-old?", he thoroughly succeeded in insulting the large community of successful, competent adults at or under the age of 27 who live in Agawam.

Yes, Mr. Nardi, you can trust someone who is 27 or younger to take care of "your business." This population includes people who are lawyers, teachers, bankers, investment brokers, doctors, mechanics, secretaries, research analysts, policemen, and other fine professionals. These people are capable, hard-working adults who make a difference in Agawam and surrounding communities.

If our community can accept us in these roles and if our nation can trust 18 year-olds to vote and to serve our country in the military (during times of war and peace), Mr. Nardi, you can certainly trust anyone at or under the age of 27 who has been properly educated, to run "your business."

Our nation, let alone our town, cannot grow and prosper without the youthfulness and exuberance this population possesses.

Mr. Nardi makes a serious mistake when he discounts a person or a population simply because of age or residence or whether or not they pay property taxes.

Has Mr. Nardi investigated the prices of real estate recently? The times have changed since he was 27. Real estate prices are astronomical. It takes a great deal of time to save enough for down payments and reasonable mortgages. Does this fact make anyone who does not own their own property incompetent to run our town government? It is a sad idea, but many "youthful" adults are finding that "old town politics and attitudes" (such as those Mr. Nardi's seem to represent) are reasons for investing money in communities outside of Agawam and paying property taxes there. This loss of good people does not help the town.

Yes, Mr. Nardi's advertisement has served to alienate me and several members of my family. On election day our votes will go to the 27 year-old, educated, hardworking, "youthful" adult who is running a positive campaign of ideas for change in Agawam.

A vote for Mr. Nardi, I feel, would be a vote for old, biased attitudes and stagnant politics.

Sincerely,
Cheryl L. DeSpirt
Age 24
Secondary School Biology Teacher (Springfield)
Living with parents
Never paid property taxes
VOTES

Nardi's Experience & Caring For Town Get Our Vote

To The Editor:

As residents of Feeding Hills, we are very concerned about the upcoming elections. We feel there has been a lot of statements made that are unfair and someone should address them.

We have heard that Fred Nardi is not an honest man and that anything he has done for people in this town has been for political reasons. My husband has been employed by Sweet Life Foods for the past 22 years. He has had many opportunities to go to Fred Nardi with problems, all of which were dealt with fairly and honestly. Fred Nardi always took the time to hear out people who went to him and to solve their problems.

We were involved in a golf tournament for Camp Rainbow last summer, and Mr. Nardi's concern and generosity was overwhelming. Also it was way before any mention of his running for Mayor and we are not even in his precinct.

We were in a local restaurant and overheard a conversation between several people, one comment made by a man was very interesting and made a lot of sense to us. "If I were going to have a home built, I would not go to a builder with one or two years' experience, who has built only one or two houses; I would go to a man who has had 40 years of experience and has built hundreds of strong homes that are still standing solidly on the ground."

We have problems with the fact that Mr. Johnson is running for Mayor of Agawam. We feel Mr. Johnson is a likable man and a very nice person, but in our opinion, he has very little to offer this town as far as qualifications. He is a single man who has never had to run a family's budget—never mind a town's budget. He has never had to deal with problems at school or trying to raise a family. He has never had to deal with a problem with his water bill!

Plain and simple, the man has no experience and words are easy to speak, but to take actions that may not be popular takes a lot more courage than we feel Mr. Johnson possesses.

We hope the people of this town realize the asset Mr. Nardi will be for this town; that they utilize those assets and his vast knowledge, his experience and genuine concern for this town and the people who live here.

Shouldn't we be more concerned about who has the best ability to do the job—a man who retired from his job to run for mayor or a man who will use this job as a stepping-stone.

We have heard remarks that a new face is needed in town politics. I would rather a familiar face who I can count on to make decisions that are in the town's best interest.

Thank you,
Donald & Christine Hanna
23 Colemore Street
Feeding Hills

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Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...

Women Voter Upset At Johnson's Vote Manager's Pay

To The Editor:

Shame on you, Chris Johnson!!! Your actions at a recent Town Council Meeting really show your true colors. You motion to increase the salary of the current Town Manager, Mr. Fred Messier, to over \$54,000 a year was a "slap in the face" to women.

Mr. Reid Charles was paid \$52,000 to be Town Manager. When Mr. Charles resigned, Mrs. Linda Mundo was appointed to replace him, and you supported a pay reduction to \$45,000, with no explanation. Now, here comes Mr. Messier, who was appointed to replace Mrs. Mundo, and you make the motion to increase "HIS" salary to \$54,000.

Do you feel that a MALE Town Manager should be paid more than a FEMALE Town Manager? Do you not believe in EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK? As a Business Professional, and a woman, I resent this and find your actions inexcusable. If this is an example of the "Positive Change" you hope to bring to Agawam, it belongs in the Dark Ages.

It was interesting that your opponent, Mr. Fred Nardi, who you call "Old Politics," voted against this proposal and stated that "Mr. Messier should be paid exactly what we paid Mrs. Mundo." For an "Old Politician," he seems to be more in tune with the times than you.

You say you are for ALL town residents, Mr. Johnson. Does this mean that MEN will have salaries increased, and women will have salaries decreased? Are the WOMEN in Agawam ready for this kind of "change," which includes a reduction in wages? I AM NOT!!!

Anita Gahres
Meadow Street
Agawam

Johnson Gives Community What "Experience" Hasn't

To The Editor:

Aha! So now comes the dirty smear campaign!

1. Of course Chris Johnson has no military service record—shouldn't we be grateful there hasn't been a war since 1975?

2. Since when has marriage been a requisite for holding office?

3. What better background than Chris' school education in business administration and law compared with "on the job training at Sweet Life"? And when Nardi retired, with whom did they replace him? Another 60's year-old man—no, I'm sure it was a younger man.

4. What's to know about hiring and firing and budgets? Common sense, that's all. We've all been through that in our daily life.

5. Why make rash promises that can't be kept? No one can guarantee funds so that no teachers will be released.

6. So given time, Johnson will also be all those things it took Nardi 41 years to accomplish.

7. Seeing what "experienced" politicians have done in the past with our \$31 million business, YES, I'd trust Chris Johnson.

Sincerely,
Pauline Flathman
Feeding Hills

Let's Get Back To Campaign That's A Positive One

To The Editor:

In last week's Agawam Advertiser News, mayoral candidate Fred Nardi ran two advertisements which, rather than focusing on issues, served as personal attacks on his opponent Chris Johnson. It is disturbing to think that a candidate who has pledged to run a "positive and issue oriented campaign" has forgotten his campaign promises.

If Mr. Nardi is a man of his word, let him get back on track and focus on the issues at hand!

Amylou Porter
Feeding Hills

Proud To Be Part Of Anthony Bonavita's Campaign

To The Editor:

I would like to commend Mayoral candidate Anthony Bonavita for conducting himself in such a professional manner during his entire campaign. If all of our elected officials would conduct themselves in this manner Agawam would not suffer from its negative political stigma. Mr. Bonavita's statement, "If winning meant running a negative campaign, then I would not have run," clearly shows that he put Agawam first. Our town certainly did not need our mayoral candidates attacking each other at a time when we are trying to start a new positive government.

If Mr. Bonavita's conduct in defeat is any indication of what we could have expected from him in victory, then I urge him to pursue public service further. It is my opinion that he would be a fine addition to our town council in November.

Mr. Bonavita ran a positive campaign. He never once deviated from the issues and always put what was best for Agawam in the forefront. I am proud to have supported him.

Brian Rheault
Feeding Hills

Bonavita Supporter Says Town The Loser After Primary

To The Editor:

Back in November when Anthony Bonavita announced his candidacy for mayor at an open house, he spoke of what he wanted his campaign to be about. He wanted to run a **positive** campaign, speak out on the issues and not **speak out** against the other candidates (which is more than I can say about some of them).

I felt that the choice of my candidate's qualifications were clear and that he could restore some of the **class** back to Agawam that we have lost.

On the eve of the election when the total count of the votes was all in, and we had lost, he still remained a **gentleman** and asked us all to support Chris Johnson. I thought to myself **Anthony Bonavita** did not lose but the Town of Agawam had lost as far as I was concerned.

And as we toasted our candidate, I will always remember the words of Kenneth Barnes when he said, "It just goes to show you that the **Best Man** doesn't always win."

Christine Franco
81 Federal Street Extension
Agawam

Environmental Activist Says His Vote Going To Johnson

To The Editor:

To the many friends who have supported my environmental battle here and to all citizens and the voters who will be going to the polls on May 2nd to select a mayor and to set the future course of the city called the "Town of Agawam"; I wish to say that my vote and my full support goes to Chris Johnson and "The Wave of the Future."

We need the support of the younger generation to get away from the "politics as usual" situation at Town Hall which has so often earned complainants a response of no response at all.

Chris has my complete confidence that he will do his utmost to help in our part of the global struggle to reverse current trends which, if not halted will most certainly have this result: that the children of the future will have no place at all in which to live.

Sincerely,
Walter P. Harrington
95 North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills

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Energy Facilities Siting Council
Notice of Public Informational Hearing
on Proposed Pipeline Construction
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company
FERC Docket No. CP88-171-001

Notice is hereby given that Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company ("Tennessee") has filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") an application to construct 7.4 miles of 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline, which would parallel existing pipeline, in the municipalities of Agawam, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow. The Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Council ("EFSC"), as an intervenor in the FERC proceedings, is compiling environmental comments on the proposal filed by Tennessee.

The proposed route for the 2.0 mile Agawam pipeline segments begins east of South Street, 0.5 miles southwest of the County Training School. The proposed route travels in a southeast direction for approximately one mile, crossing Philo Brook four times. The route then turns to the east as it crosses Worthington Brook and the Crestview Country Club. It then turns slightly to the southeast crossing Worthington Brook twice, and State Road 75. The proposed route continues in a southeast direction for an additional 0.2 miles beyond State Road 75, crossing Worthington Brook two more times before reaching its terminus.

The proposal by Tennessee also includes modifications to its meter station located on the north side of Springfield Street in Agawam.

The proposed route for the 5.4 mile Longmeadow/East Longmeadow pipeline segment begins on the east side of the Connecticut River, at a point approximately midway between Meadow Street and Bank Street. The proposed route travels in a generally easterly direction crossing Meadow Street, Conrail Railroad tracks, Ponside Road, and Interstate 91, where the proposed route turns slightly to the north. It continues in a northeast direction across Longmeadow Street and Longmeadow Brook and then curves toward the south to maintain an easterly direction across Longmeadow Country Club, Hazardville Road, Shaker Road and Wolf Swamp Road. The proposed route continues in a generally easterly direction, parallel to the southern edge of Wolf Swamp Road, for one mile crossing Cedar Street, Jawbuck Brook and Oak Road. The proposed route then turns slightly to the north and then curves back to the south as it crosses the New York/New Hampshire Railroad. It continues in an easterly direction for approximately one mile crossing Freshwater Brook and Shaker Road and enters East Longmeadow. The proposed route turns to the northeast and continues to its terminus at Prospect Street.

The EFSC will conduct a local informational hearing on Wednesday, April 26, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. to receive environmental comments regarding the proposed construction. The EFSC will transmit the comments it receives to FERC. The location of the hearing is as follows: Longmeadow Community House
735 Longmeadow Street
Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01106

Interested persons are invited to attend. Any written environmental comments on the proposed construction should be sent to the EFSC at its offices in Boston by May 10, 1989.

A copy of the proposal by Tennessee is available for inspection in the public libraries of Agawam, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow.

Phyllis Brawarsky
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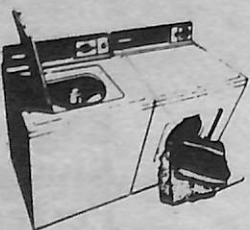
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Sheri Lane Condos Continue To Push For Town Trash Pickup

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Sheri Lane residents are consistently pursuing the issue of municipal trash collection and the Town Council is equally persistent in tabling the matter.

Alice Briere, one of the new owners of a Sheri Lane condominium, addressed the council during Citizens Speak Time last week to reiterate the town's contract for refuse collection, noting that "under the existing contract, trash must be collected and removed to the disposal site from all single family, two family, three family, and four family dwellings."

Briere commended Councilor Christopher Johnson for his detailed explanation of condos and their property lines at the last council session, and adding that "condos have been present in the community for some time now" and urged Agawam's representatives to take action on the matter.

An opposing viewpoint was held by another condo owner, Stuart Siminoff of Beekman Drive, who maintains that the private trash pick-up he now gets through his condo contract is far superior.

"I'm opposed to the pick-ups," Siminoff said, adding that the town collects trash on a rotating two week schedule and his condominium by-laws prohibit accumulating trash outside the buildings.

"I'd have to keep two weeks worth of garbage in my house if this goes through," he added. "It would create a health hazard."

"Right now, my trash gets picked-up three times a week," he elaborated. "What I'd like to see is for the town to pick-up the bigger items once or twice a year, like the spring and fall clean-ups. That would really be a help."

Despite pleas from Sheri Lane residents that have been presented for the past three sessions, the council again voted 8-2 (with Councilors Frederick Nardi and David Skolnick dissenting) to table the matter again.

Melconian Wants To Rollback Registry Fees

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) today released a statement expressing in strong terms her support for proposed legislation which would call for a rollback in the recently increased Registry of Motor Vehicle Registration fees and would require legislative approval for rate increases.

"I support House Bill 5301 which calls for the nullification of the vehicle registration fee increases which took effect January 15th of this year. Approximately 90 separate fees have been increased by the Registry. Fees have escalated from 50 percent to over 150 percent with no input from the citizens of the Commonwealth. These increases have affected everyone, especially those middle class working citizens who depend on their vehicles to maintain their livelihood."

"Let's make no mistake, these increased fees are hidden taxes; a clear cut case of taxation without representation. They are excessive; they are an insult to the people of this Commonwealth; they are totally unacceptable," Melconian stressed.

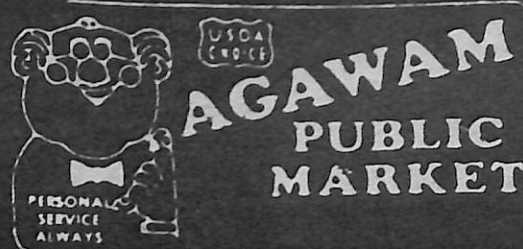
"Furthermore, today I am reaffirming my support for House Bill 5148, which would return to the legislature the authority to set these fees. Fee hikes must not occur arbitrarily. Any increased fee must be reasonable and tied to an appropriate standard, such as an annual cost of living index."

"In my opinion, the Registry does not deserve this increase. For nearly four years, the Registry has con-

tinually violated the law in refusing to implement Chapter 806 of the Acts of 1985. This law was given priority status in both the FY 89 budget and the landmark auto reform measure that we enacted last year, and still the Registry refuses to implement, in a timely fashion, the computerized network essential to rid our streets and highways of the 400,000 uninsured vehicles.

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The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on May 15, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Richard S. Thomas, Jr. on a proposed zone change for land southerly of and adjacent to Orlando St. The request is to rezone approximately 28.2 acres from Business B and Industrial A to Residence A-3.

Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

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Watch For That Lawn Mower!

The lawn mower's out of storage, it's being cleaned up, and now it's ready for action. But the Agawam Fire Department wants you to know that more than 60,000 people are hurt every year in lawn mower accidents. So remember these safety tips for careful mowing.

Never smoke while fueling a lawn mower or other gasoline engine. Gasoline explodes. And the gasoline itself doesn't have to touch your cigarette. Gasoline gives off fumes that spread far from their source without your even knowing it.

Always turn the mower off and wait for the engine to cool down before you refuel. Sparks from a running engine can touch off an explosion as you refuel. The hot engine is dangerous, too. If any fuel spills, wipe it up immediately. Then let the saturated rag air out thoroughly in a safe place away from any source of heat or sparks—gasoline and similar products create their own heat and that rag can start a serious fire if it's not allowed to "breathe."

Store and pour gasoline carefully. Keep it in an approved container with a tight-fitting lid to keep the

vapors inside. Look for a Factory Mutual (FM) or Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

If your mower is electric, check the cord carefully for frayed or damaged spots. If you find any problems, have the cord replaced by a reliable service center. Using the mower with a frayed cord is an invitation for a lethal electric shock or severe electric burn. And don't cut wet grass with an electric mower. Don't chance it.

Leave mower service to professionals, whether sharpening the blade or electric repairs. If you do your own tuning up and cleaning, be sure to remove or disconnect the spark plug before you start work. If you turn the blade by hand and the spark plug is in place, the mower can unexpectedly "jump start" and cause serious injury.

And never leave the mower without turning it off. It may only take a few seconds to run inside, but in those few seconds someone can be seriously hurt by the mower.

Lawn mowers, like many modern conveniences, demand your respect and caution. Don't be careless.



LEGAL LINES

by Attorney
Rene Thomas

QUESTION: On my wedding night, I learned that my husband is impotent and cannot participate in normal sexual intercourse. Is this grounds for divorce?

ANSWER: Impotency is grounds for divorce in Massachusetts. If your husband's condition cannot be corrected through therapy or by medical treatment, you would have to make that decision.

Impotency is also grounds for annulment of a marriage in Massachusetts if the fact was concealed before the marriage.

Therefore, if after therapy and treatment the situation is unchanged, you would have to decide to accept the situation or terminate the marriage by annulment or divorce—probably a no-fault divorce rather than one based on the grounds of impotency.

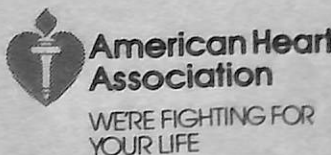
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FACT: January 4th, 1988 Town Council Election of Officers.

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Agawam Crime Prevention...

State Firearms Laws

by **Officer Wayne Macey**
Crime Prevention Bureau

The following information was compiled by the NRA Institute for legislative action.

POSSESSION

A firearm identification card (FID) or a license to carry is required to own or possess a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or ammunition. An investigation of the applicant by the local chief of police or his delegate is required before issuance of an FID.

There is a \$2 fee and the FID is valid until revoked or suspended. Minors under the age of 15 are prohibited from obtaining a card; a minor between the ages of 15 and 18 may obtain an FID with the written permission of his parent or guardian.

Aliens must obtain a special alien permit which will allow them to possess a rifle or a shotgun. Any person who inherits a rifle, shotgun, or handgun is required to obtain an FID or a license to carry within 180 days if he intends to retain possession of the firearm. New residents moving into the state who own firearms must, within 60 days of the move, obtain an FID or a license to carry to make such possession legal in Massachusetts.

PURCHASE

To purchase a rifle, shotgun, or ammunition, the buyer must have a license to carry or an FID, or proof of exempt status (police, military, etc.) and be 18 years of age or older.

To purchase a handgun, the buyer must have (A) a license to carry; (B) a permit to purchase and an FID; or (C) a permit to purchase and proof of exempt status.

A permit to purchase a handgun is obtained from the Commissioner of Public Safety or the local chief of police who has the discretion to issue or deny the permit. The permit costs \$2 and is valid for 10 days. No permit may be issued to a person under the age of 18. The permit is valid for the purchase of one handgun.

CARRY

An FID alone does not entitle its holder to carry a handgun. A license is required to carry a handgun. Application must be made to the chief of police, who has discretion, after an investigation, to issue or deny the license. Fingerprints, photographs, and the payment of a \$20 fee are required. The license is valid for five years, but may be revoked "for cause...at the will of the licensing authority."

The license to carry allows the holder to purchase, possess, or carry an unlimited number of handguns. The applicant must never have been convicted of a felony, must be 21 years of age (18 must have his parents' permission), and be a U.S. citizen.

License to carry may be issued for the purpose of protection, if circumstances warrant, or simply for target practice. Handguns can be transported only with a license to carry. A resident may transport a rifle or a shotgun provided it is unloaded and he has an FID. Further information is available through the Records Department at Agawam Police Headquarters.

APD Arrest Blotter For Last Week

On April 3rd, **Timothy Ganieany**, 17 Dartmouth Street, Easthampton, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Dan Ciak and Gary O'Brien.

On April 3rd, **Holly Thompson**, 213 Woodgate Street, Enfield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Eric Camerlin.

On April 5th, **Anthony J. Kane**, 187 Nottingham Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards and Don Gallerani.

On April 5th, **Ronald R. Gebo**, 23 Hazelhurst Street, East Longmeadow, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards and Don Gallerani.

On April 5th, **Jason R. Vernadakis**, 229 Miller Street, Ludlow, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officer was Mike Gruska.

On April 5th, **Gary Fuller**, 503 Boston Neck Road, Suffield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi, Joe Edwards, and Mike Gruska.

On April 6th, **Francis X. Kyle**, 55 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating without a license and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Ben Moore and Richard Curry.

On April 6th, **Linda C. Anderson**, 31 Elmar Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Chicopee Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Don Gallerani and Ed Connor.

On April 7th, **Leonard R. Gray**, 122 Webster Road, Enfield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with

operating without a license and an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Eric Lottermoser.

On April 8th, **Charles M. Boucher**, 37 Morton Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti, Mark Pfau, Gary O'Brien, Richard Light, Jr., and Mike Gruska.

On April 8th, **Alan R. Aloisi**, 27 Raymond Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti, Mark Pfau, Gary O'Brien, Richard Light, Jr., and Mike Gruska.

On April 8th, **Leon W. Housand, Jr.**, Fenton Road, Monson, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti, Mark Pfau, Gary O'Brien, Richard Light, Jr., and Mike Gruska.

On April 8th, **Michael D. Balboni**, 57 Spencer Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti, Mark Pfau, Gary O'Brien, Richard Light, Jr., and Mike Gruska.

On April 8th, **Gary R. Aloisi**, 190 Montgomery Road, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer and being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti, Mark Pfau, Gary O'Brien, Richard Light, Jr., and Mike Gruska.

On April 9th, **Janet A. Dugan**, 12 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Don Gallerani.

TO OUR READERS: Our policy on Letters To The Editor is that all letters must be signed and a phone number included if we have any question on its validity. On occasion, we will withhold a name on request, but these letters are non-political and non-controversial in nature, and relate to praising good deeds done by students, groups, civic organizations, etc. We have received an extraordinarily high number of unsigned letters recently that are political in nature.

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Lions Donate Large Print & Recorded Books



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB recently donated \$1,000 to the Agawam Public Library for large print and recorded books. From left - Joseph R. Guy (treasurer), Donald Sorel (member), Donna Campbell (chief librarian), Thomas Cascio, Jr. (president), and Alfred Serra. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Community Grange 383 Sets Meeting & Annual Tag Sale

Community Grange 382 will meet on Tuesday, April 18th, in Grange Hall.

There will be a special program provided by its members. Social hour and refreshments will follow the meeting.

The Grange will hold its Annual Tag Sale on April

22nd in Grange Hall. This year it will be a special tag sale, for money received will be donated to the Anne Sullivan Memorial Fund.

Donations for the tag sale will be most appreciated, and may be brought to the Grange Hall on Friday April 21st, anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Kitty Broman's Annual Benefit To Be Held May 3rd

Spring has sprung and so have the fashions. Come see all of the latest spring fashions at Kitty Broman's Annual Mental Health Benefit Luncheon, Wednesday, May 3rd, at 12:00 noon at Chez Josef in Agawam.

This year's luncheon will feature fashions from Blake's in Springfield and is sponsored by Shawmut Bank. United Cerebral Palsy of Western Massachusetts, as well as the Work Opportunity Center and the Mental Health Association, will receive the proceeds from the event.

Prices are as follows: Boneless Breast of Chicken Supreme, \$17; Roast Beef, \$19.

Checks should be made payable to Kitty's Mental Health Benefit and mailed with a self-addressed envelope to: Carroll Travel, 1383 Main Street, Springfield, MA, 01103.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 3rd.

Mass. Citizens For Life Slate Monthly Meeting Apr. 20

The Agawam Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens for Life will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 20th, at 7:30 p.m., in St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main Street.

Susan Szetela, from the regional office, will conduct a question and answer period, followed by an informative film.

Anyone interested in the Right to Life Program is cordially invited to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday, April 16th
Annual Pancake Breakfast
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8:30 a.m. to noontime

Tuesday, April 20th
Agawam Chapter of Mass.
Citizens For Life
St. John's Parish Center
833 Main Street
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 22nd
Community Grange 383
Annual Tag & Bake Sale
Grange Hall
North West Street, F.H.
All Proceeds To Benefit Anne Sullivan Mem.

Tuesday, April 25th
Ag. Junior Women's Club
Hosting STEVE CAPORIZZO
TV-22 Meteorologist
Capt. Charles Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 30th
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AIRMAN DAVID R. KOKOFSKY

Airman David R. Kokofsky Graduates Air Force Training

Airman David R. Kokofsky, son of Susan T. Remillard of 733 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, and Ronald B. Kokofsky of 88 West Street, Enfield, Connecticut, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations. He is currently receiving special training in heavy equipment operation and maintenance.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Upon completion of his training, he will be stationed at Plattsburgh Air Force Base in New York.

The airman is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School.



AIRMAN RICHARD A. SHEEHAN

Airman Richard A. Sheehan Graduates Air Force Basic

Airman Richard A. Sheehan, son of Thomas & Linda Sheehan of 32 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, has graduated six weeks of basic training, and another 27 days of Tech School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Airman Sheehan is now at Fort Dix, New Jersey for another month of special training. He is training for Security Specialist.

He is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School.

Agawam-West Side La Leche League To Meet April 17th

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least 19 weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The third of a series of four meetings will be held on April 17th, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield. Meeting The Challenges of Breast Feeding will be the topic discussed.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art Of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For further information, call Pat, 737-9993, or Jeanne, 739-7923.

Dominican Nuns' Monastery Sets Family Hour Of Prayer

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, April 16th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. If we can be of service, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137.



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Nardi says: Johnson never paid taxes.

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Nardi says: Johnson never managed a business budget.

Nardi says: Johnson never supervised a work force.

Nardi says: Johnson never negotiated with unions.

Nardi says: Johnson has no management experience.

Nardi says: Johnson never hired or fired employees.

Nardi says: Johnson abstained eight times.

Nardi says: Rheault endorsed Johnson.

Nardi says: Johnson voted NO on asbestos removal in the schools.

Nardi says: Johnson supported Town Manager's cut of \$95,000 from school budget.

Nardi says: Johnson voted NO on the Town Budget.

Nardi says: Johnson voted NO to restore \$50,000 to the school budget.

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general practice of law with the law firm of Wilhelm, Hamilton & King. He concentrates in
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setting the bond price for asbestos removal in the schools at \$1.1 million dollars based on
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son, Mayor - Robert W. Johnson, Jr., Treasurer

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AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CHAPTER II officers - standing, from left - Louis Scherpa, president; Ed Grimes, vice-president; and Ernest Swanson, treasurer. Front row - Clara McClean, corresponding secretary; Bernice Burton, recording secretary; and Fern Stowe, chaplain. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Newly-Elected Golden Age Chapt. II Officers Feted At Annual Installation Banquet

On Wednesday, April 5th, spring was in the air, the sun was bright, and the sky was blue to greet a festive group of 182 Golden Age Club members and their friends at the Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. This was the day that the newly-elected officers of Chapter II were installed in a special ritual.

At noon, a delicious banquet was served to the music of talented and popular Vera Conway on her electronic keyboard. Club President Louis Scherpa welcomed everyone to the banquet stating his pleasure at the excellent attendance for this annual event.

He introduced the installing team, Alvin & Doris Kellogg, who then proceeded to induct the following officers who were elected to serve for the current year: President, Louis Scherpa; Vice President, Edward Grimes; Recording Secretary, Bernice Burton; Corresponding Secretary, Clara McLean; Chaplain, Fern Stowe; and Treasurer, Ernest Swanson.

Each officer was individually charged to perform the specific duties connected with the office named. Vera Conway provided appropriate marching music as the officers were paraded around the banquet hall by the installation marshall, Doris Kellogg.

A standing ovation was given to reelected president,

Louis Scherpa, during his part of the ceremony. Scherpa had a prominent part in the founding of Golden Age Chapter II on September 29th, 1982, and has served as a popular and devoted president of the club.

Dancing was next on the program, which included some specialty numbers that attracted those club members skilled in the "Alley Cat" and "Chicken" dances. The afternoon activities were concluded by a drawing for numerous door prizes under the supervision of Jennie Juzba, Helen Farquhar, and Edward Grimes.

President Scherpa complimented the Banquet Committee for providing such a good time to all in attendance. The key members who were responsible for the Installation Banquet activities were Edward Grimes, who handled table reservations and floral decorations; Edwin & Kathleen Arnold and Annette Phaneuf who were responsible for ticket sales; Jennie Juzba and Helen Farquhar were in charge of door prizes; and Alvin & Doris Kellogg who installed the elected officers.

Spring was still in the air as the happy Golden Agers departed from Shaker Farms Country Club and paraded in a procession of cars homeward-bound.



ALVIN & DORIS KELLOGG served as installing officers for the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter II. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Congregational Church Sets May Day Dinner

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Annual May Day Dinner, May 11th, at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. There will be two sittings, at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

Featured on the menu will be chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, cole slaw, cranberry sauce, rolls, coffee, tea, or milk, and lemon delight.

The price for adults will be \$6, and for children under 12, \$2.50. Accepting reservations are Laura Dugan, 789-2118; Dorothy Hess, 786-8271; or Clarice Scoville, 786-6258. Reservations will close Tuesday, May 9th.

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation To Hold Dance April 29th

The Greater Springfield Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will be holding a dance on April 29th. The event will be sponsored by Oliver Auto Body. Music will be provided by DJ Dennis and GB Sight and Sound, and will feature a battle of the DJ's.

The dance will be held at St. Anthony's Social Hall, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield, from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Coffee and snacks will be provided. There will also be prizes.

The price of the tickets is \$8. Tickets may be purchased at the door or purchased in advance by calling 589-0687, 789-0013, or 562-0761.

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Cheryl Lynn Pilon Weds Phillip Edward Podgorski

Miss Cheryl Lynn Pilon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Elzear Pilon, Jr. of Ludlow, became the bride of Phillip Edward Podgorski, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Podgorski of Feeding Hills.

The recent candlelight ceremony took place at Christ the King Church, Ludlow, with a reception immediately following at Chez Josef, Agawam.

Mrs. Debra Pilon Sood was matron of honor and Miss Christine Podgorski was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Miss Karen Madden and Miss Kathy Madden. Flowergirl was Miss Kelly Smolen.

Best men were James Podgorski and David Podgorski. Ushers included Sanjay Sood and Jamie Smolen. Ryan Smolen was ringbearer.

The couple graduated from Western New England College with B.S.B.A's in Accounting.

The groom is employed for Spaulding, Chicopee as a general accountant. He is a master's candidate at Western New England College.

The bride is employed for BayBank Systems Inc., as a item/data processing manager trainee.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii, and will reside in Ludlow.

Julie Carrier Engaged To Michael E. St. Germain

Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Carrier of Bucksport, Maine, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Carrier to Michael E. St. Germain of Jackson, Wyoming, son of Mr. & Mrs. James E. St. Germain of Wilbraham.

Ms. Carrier will graduate from the University of Maine at Orono in May with a degree in Physical Education and a concentration in Sports Medicine. She is a certified athletic trainer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Maine at Orono with a degree in Wildlife Biology/Management. He is presently employed by the Jackson Hole Ski Resort in Wyoming.

The wedding will take place in Bucksport, Maine, February 3rd, 1990.

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MR. & MRS. PHILLIP E. PODGORSKI

AHS Class Of 1939 Looking For Frances Gandini Morin

The Agawam High School Class of 1939 is looking for Frances Gandini Morin (husband's name was George) whose last address was Brainard Road, Enfield, Connecticut.

If anyone knows anything of Frances, would they please call Margaret Ardizoni, 786-4439, or send her the information to 28 River Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Observatory To Reopen At Science Museum

The observatory at the Springfield Science Museum will reopen for public sky-gazing on Friday, April 14th. Members of the Springfield Stars Club will be on hand to operate the 20-inch telescope and help visitors spot the moon, Jupiter and the star-cluster M-44.

The crescent moon will be in the first quarter phase and well-placed for viewing as it shines over the Springfield skyline. Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system. Although it will be about 500 million miles away in April, the planet with its four large moons and shifting cloud bands will be clearly visible through the telescope. M-44 is a cluster of stars in the constellation Cancer. Also known as the Beehive Cluster, it is visible from the Springfield area only with the aid of a telescope.

The observatory program will begin at 8:00 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for April 21st. There is a suggested donation of \$1 for adults, and 50 cents for children, and free passes to the planetarium will be distributed.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. For information, call the museum, 733-1194.

Michelle St. Germain To Wed Manning S. Case, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. James E. St. Germain of Wilbraham announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle A. St. Germain to Manning S. Case, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Manning S. Case of Agawam.

The couple are both graduates of Agawam High School. Ms. St. Germain is a graduate of Westfield State College with a degree in Human Services. She is presently the assistant director of BARACO, in Agawam.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and is presently employed by Arco Electric Supply Company, Springfield.

The wedding will take place in Wilbraham on September 16th.

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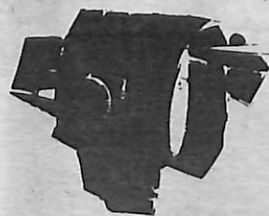
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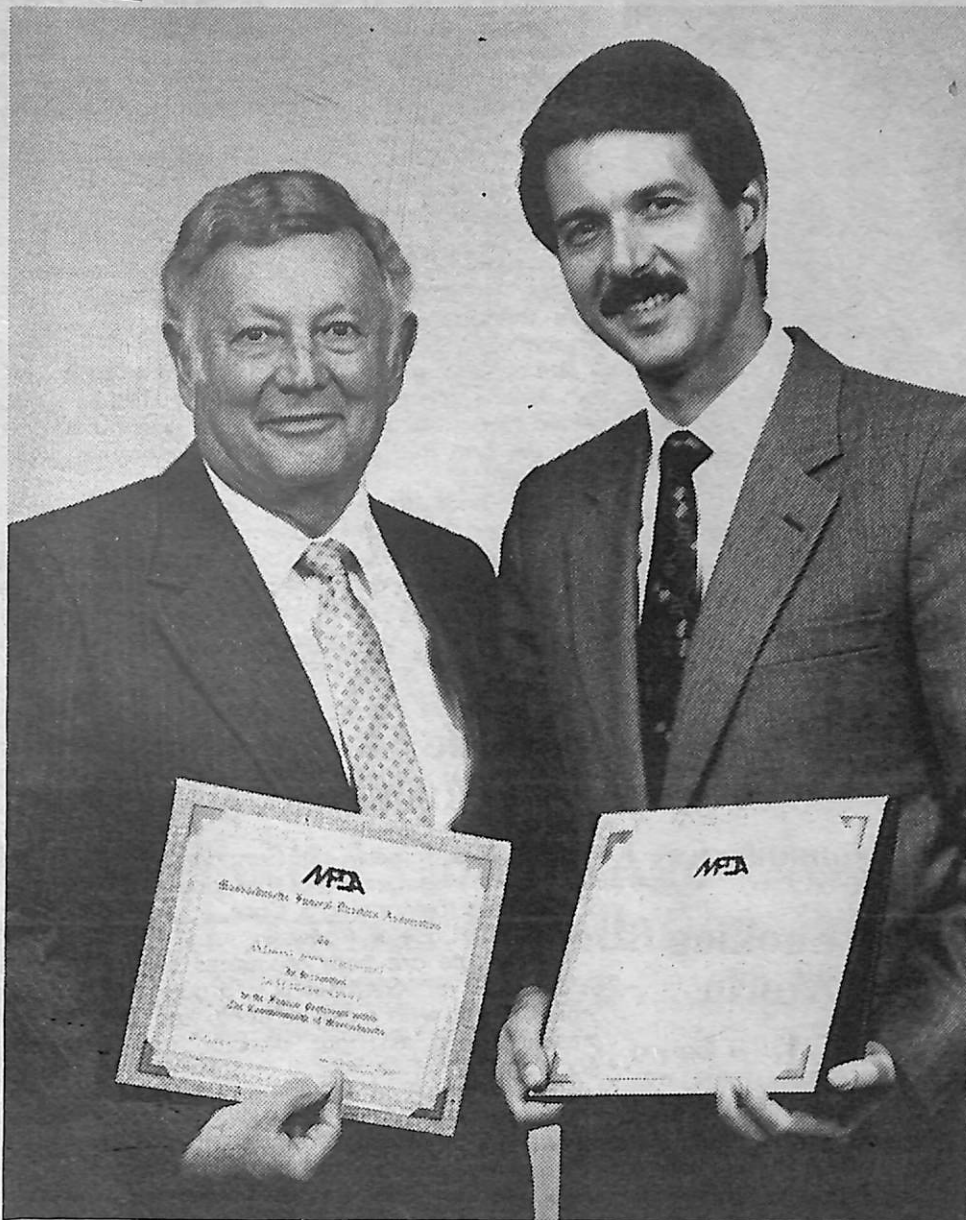
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Spotlight On Business



ANTHONY (left) & PETER FORASTIERE of Forastiere Funeral Homes, with locations in Springfield, Agawam (Colonial Funeral Home), and Southwick (Southwick Funeral Home).

Ag. Counseling Center's Clinic Coordinator Speaks

Joe Silverman, the clinical coordinator at the Agawam Counseling Center, was invited as a guest speaker on the topic of "Substance Abuse in the Workplace" by the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the National Tooling and Machinery Association. The meeting was held Monday, March 27th.

Silverman talked about the differences between drug use, abuse and addiction, the effects that a substance abuse problem would have on an employee, and the treatment options.

In addition to the substance abuse counseling available at agencies such as the Agawam Counseling Center, Silverman told the shop owners about EAP's (Employee Assistance Program) and how they can help.

Also speaking that evening was a shop employee who spoke of his personal experience with addiction and the surprisingly high proportion of shop employees who are abusing alcohol and/or drugs.

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Anthony Forastiere Receives Two Mass. Funeral Directors Awards

Anthony J. Forastiere of the Forastiere Funeral Home, Locust Street, Springfield, recently accepted two awards of honor presented by the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association at their Appreciation Night in recognition of his 55th year of licensure and his funeral home's 84th anniversary of operation.

Forastiere is a graduate of the American International College's graduating class of 1933 and the New England Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences graduating class of 1934. Although licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 50 years, he has been active in the funeral service community for the past 54 years. He resides in Springfield with his wife, Sylvia, and daughter, Ann Marie. He also has two sons, Frank A. and Peter A. Forastiere, both funeral directors and two other daughters, JoAnn C. Skiba and Dr. Arlene Forastiere, as well as nine grandchildren.

Anthony is a member of the UNICO Club of Springfield, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus; the Bertoni Council of Knights of Columbus; Holy Name Society; sons of Italy Lodge; Agawam Organ Club, and Stigmatine Father's Scholarship Fund, and is a Board of Director of the Italian Cultural Center in Springfield. He has received the "Man of the Year" Award from the Springfield Chapter of UNICO National, and in 1986 received the "Distinguished Service Award Recipient for 1986." He served as president of the funeral firm from 1940 to 1976 after which he became Chairman of the Board.

The Forastiere Funeral Home was founded in 1905 by Frank & Carmella Forastiere. Frank was a member of the State Board of Embalming and Funeral Directing for seven years, and Carmella was the first woman in the Springfield area to receive her license for embalming and funeral directing. Together Frank & Carmella built their business and their son, Anthony joined their business in 1934 and subsequently, his sons, Frank & Peter entered in 1968 and 1975. The family opened two branches—the first one opened in 1980 in Agawam and was named the Colonial Funeral Home, and the second one opened in 1984 in Southwick known as the Southwick Funeral Home.

All three firms serve families of all faiths in the Greater Springfield area and provide at-need and pre-need funeral planning. The firm still prides itself on the personal contact and compassionate service that has been a tradition for three generations.

The firm has a staff grief consultant and sponsors grief workshops both in Springfield and Agawam twice a month and is open to anyone in the community. They also have a lending library of books and videos on all phases of death and grief and have a yearly open house and tours in three communities for high school and junior high school students, as well as Peter Forastiere conducting classes in the high schools every year on the funeral profession and grief.

The Forastiere Funeral Home, as well as the Colonial and Southwick Funeral Homes, is a member of the Massachusetts & National Funeral Directors Association. The Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association represents over 500 funeral homes in the state and is the largest organization of funeral service practitioners in the New England Region. MFDA is a federated state affiliate of the National Funeral Directors Association based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. If we can be of service, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137. Our office opens every day at 6:30 a.m. Thank-you.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...



FAITH R. TURNEY

Faith K. Turney Appointed At George & Green Real Estate

Faith K. Turney has recently been appointed to the position of Relocation Director for George & Green Real Estate Company, Inc., after serving as a Relocation Specialist for the company for the past year and a half.

Faith deals primarily with families who are relocating to the Greater Springfield area from other parts of the country and who need special help in familiarizing themselves with the various communities and services that are available to them.

George and Green is a member of RELO, a referral network of over 1,400 brokers nationwide. We can assist a family moving from anywhere to anywhere else in the country through our fellow RELO brokers.

Faith relocated herself in 1986 from New York City. She lives here in Agawam with her husband, Mark, who is a paramedic with New Britain EMS, her father, Ralph Knowlton (a regular at the Agawam Senior Center), and her two children, Adam, 5, and Joshua, 3½.

EBTEC Presents Achievement Awards



EBTEC CORP. on Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, gave Achievement Certificates to 16 employees that recently attended the in-house training program on Safety and Material Handling. The employees' included L. Carlson, K. Fitzgerald, R. Fuller, D. Gibbs, B. Havens, D. Hebert, K. Holmberg, E. Kimball, D. Koch, B. Laporte, M. McKinn, R. Miccoly, M. Modzelewski, C. Parker, R. Rouvellat, Jr., and P. St. Pierre. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Shawmut Bank To Sponsor Forest Park Zoo Day Apr. 22**

The entire community is invited to join Shawmut employees and their families at the Forest Park Zoo on Saturday, April 22nd (rain date—Saturday, April 29th). There will be free admission for all visitors to the zoo between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

While at the newly renovated zoo, visitors can enjoy the theme of "New England Woods and Farmyards." Some special attractions include: bears, bobcats, beavers, arctic foxes, a golden eagle, and other birds. There is a petting area where children can feed domestic farm animals.

This event is one of a series initiated by the Shawmut Bank Employee Association in order to serve the communities in which they work.

Agawam Junior Women To Host Steve Caporizzo

The monthly meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

They will have as their guest speaker, Steve Caporizzo, weather forecaster from Channel 22.

Anyone interested is welcome to join the Juniors.

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George & Green Recognizes March Agents

KATHY AYRE (left), manager of George & Green Real Estate, Main Street, Agawam Center, and Barbara Vaughn (right), assistant manager, present agent Sam Hinish with a plaque naming him as the "Top Listing Agent" for March; Chet Kasperek was named as the "Top Selling Agent" for March. Established in 1975 as a full real estate company, both in residential and commercial, G & G located its new corporate headquarters in Agawam in December 1987. Advertiser

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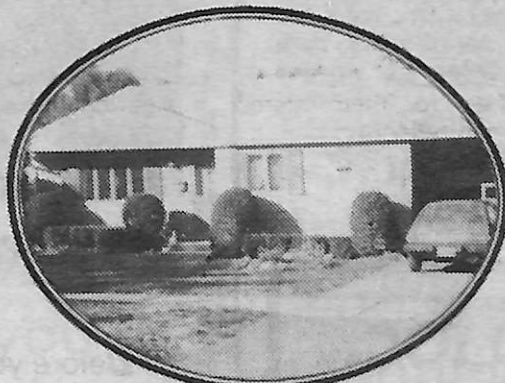
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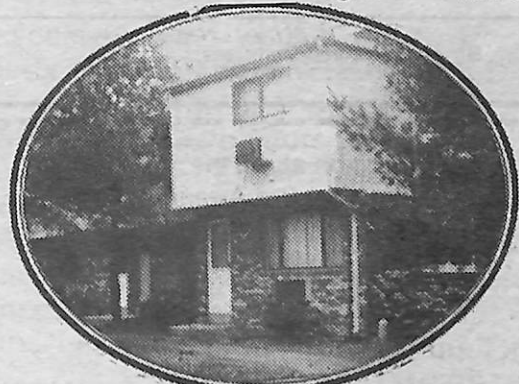
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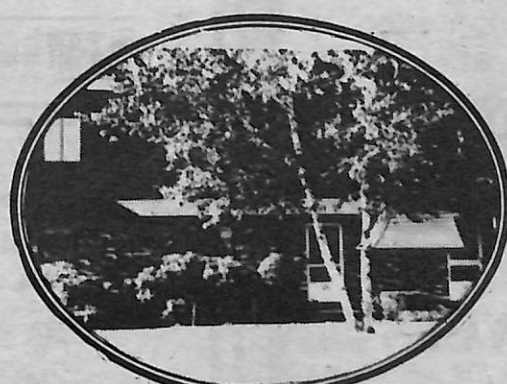
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Curran Jones Offering Unique Funeral Plan

Curran-Jones Funeral Home has begun offering a unique program called Forethought Funeral Planning for the advance planning of funerals in the Springfield area.

According to Richard J. Curran, Funeral Director for Curran-Jones Funeral Home, a pre-arranged, pre-funded funeral is not a new idea. In 1988, over 900,000 Americans planned their funeral. Pre-planned funerals are becoming increasingly more popular as people begin to realize the benefits.

"The idea behind funeral planning is simply that one day a great deal of vital information about you or a loved one will be needed by your family and anyone whose responsibility it is to assist them," reported Curran. "There's no doubt that those who plan ahead are more comfortable knowing not only that their personal wishes will be fulfilled, but also that all unnecessary difficulties can be avoided."

Forethought Funeral Plans are made before the need arises with the help of a professional counselor from the funeral home. It takes about an hour and there's no cost or obligation. While there are many decisions related to the funeral and burial, most can be provided for by making a few basic selections. Once personal decisions are made, the counselor puts the funeral service wishes in writing. Then there's no doubt about expressed desires.

"All arrangements, the service, the merchandise and even your special desires are planned in advance," said Curran. "You pay for your selections with a guaranteed issue Forethought Life insurance policy. That way you are assured that the funeral plan you selected today will be provided just as you specified and without additional cost, years later."

If you pay in full today, the funeral is fully funded, or you can even make monthly payments. If you should ever decide to relocate, your Forethought Plan is transferable to your new locality.

To offer families this program, Curran received extensive training on the Forethought Plan. "The primary benefit of this program is knowledge," says Curran. "It's knowing that survivors will not have the emotional burden of decision making during a very stressful time. By pre-planning, one is also assured that the funeral will not impose a financial burden on the family. In effect, it's the peace of mind that comes with knowing it's all taken care of before the need arises."

VFW Ladies & Girls Elect New Officers

Nominations and election of officers for next year were held at the Agawam VFW for the Ladies Auxiliary and Junior Girls' Unit. The installation will be held Saturday, May 20th, at the Post Home at 4:00 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with the VFW men who will elect their officers at their next meeting.

Auxiliary officers elected were: President, Dorothy Ritchie; Senior Vice President, Mary Driscoll; Junior Vice President, Susan Hayden; Treasurer, Phyllis Ouellette; Chaplain, Gladys Belcher; Conductress, Judy Broden; Guard, Marilyn Roberts; Trustee 1, Mary Kelly; Trustee 2, Ann Palmer; Trustee 3, Linda Sousa.

The following appointments were made: Secretary, Pauline Brown; Patriotic Instructor, Annette Daneke; Historian, Rita Shea.

Junior Girls' elected were: President, Krista Dulac (from Agawam); Senior Vice President, Nicki Seymour; Junior Vice President, Barbara Carra; Treasurer, Lydia Goupee; Chaplain, Katie Mallette; Conductress, Leona Villemare; Guard, Ann Marie Doane.

The following appointments were made: Secretary, Rhonda Guevin; Patriotic Instructor, Victoria Sousa; Historian, Jamie Crouteau.

Rita Shea, past district president and currently state historian, will install the Auxiliary and the Junior Girls' Unit. Phyllis Ouellette will be installing secretary, and Judy Broden will be installing conductress.



THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB presented a check to Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House to purchase six folding banquet tables for use at the historic home. From left - Rev. Donald Morris (Rotarian), Shirley Goss (trustee), Esther Reynolds (chairwoman of House Committee), Geoffrey MacDonald (Rotary president), and Ernest Swanson (Finance chairman of Leonard House). Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Rotary Club Donates New Tables For Benefit To Capt. Leonard House

Rotary Club President Geoffrey MacDonald and Reverend Donald Morris presented a check to purchase six folding banquet tables for the Captain Charles Leonard House, to Trustees Esther Reynolds, Shirley Goss, and Ernest Swanson, in a brief ceremony at the Leonard House on April 4th.

The six tables will be used and displayed prominently at the many meetings and social events held regularly at the Leonard House. The Board of Trustees deeply appreciates this generous gift from the Rotary Club and expresses thanks to the club directors and members for their interest in Agawam's historical Community House.

The Leonard House Trustees also wish to thank the many individuals, civic organizations, and business leaders in Agawam who have joined the Rotary club as "Friends" of the Captain Leonard House. The "Friends" program is conducted each year to assist the Trustees to up-date equipment and to help maintain the property.

Valued support has been received from the Agawam Lions Club, Agawam UNICO, Agawam Polish American Club, Agawam Rotary Club, Agawam Women's Club, and the Associated Bible Students, in

addition to gifts from individuals and business "Friends."

Some of the recent projects and improvements at the Leonard House include the complete remodeling of the Ladies Powder Room, extensive interior and exterior painting, sanding and refinishing the Pine Room Floor, the installation of a new electric service, and the repaving of the large parking area.

The Captain Leonard House has served Agawam for 50 years as an attractive, historical place in which to hold meetings and various social functions. In September 1939, over 500 people attended the Open House Celebration, when Mrs. Minerva Davis, a civic-minded resident of Agawam, gave the Leonard House to the Town.

In September, 1989, the Board of Trustees is planning to observe the 50th Year of service to Agawam, by holding a Golden Anniversary Celebration. All residents of Agawam and all "Friends" of the Leonard House will be invited to attend this special event.

"Friends" gifts may be made at any time and will be welcomed in amounts large or small by making them payable to: Captain Charles Leonard House, and mailed to: 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

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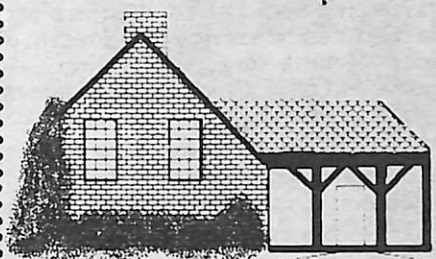
ELIZABETH COWAN, daughter of Reverend & Mrs. Len Cowan of 56 Reed Street, Agawam, boasts that her two-pound, eight-inch (diameter) foil ball, is the biggest in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Promoting Nostalgia Road Race



AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI (center) holds a poster promoting the upcoming "Nostalgia Day" Road Race sponsored by Heritage Hall Nursing Home. At left is Admissions Coordinator Peg Dunphy and Darrell Carlson, Heritage Hall South administrator. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Part I Of A Series

Possible Insight As To The Scenario Of Town Seal

Our readers might recall that in a two-part series dealing with resident Beverly Secondo's magnificent artistic portrayal of our Agawam Town Seal (September 10/17, 1987, *Agawam Advertiser News*), we had suggested that the history of the original's origin was shrouded in mystery!

Even now the artist is not known nor the scenario behind the Seal's facade. However, at that time we did note the fact that perhaps in time this valued information might one day be discovered.

Unfortunately, we still do not know any more about the Seal's history than what was known prior to that time. Upon this premise we might suggest that such being the case, the road is open to conjecture, providing it is based upon firm rationale!

At this moment, we further suggest that it is just possible there might have been a town-wide appeal for residents to offer their artistic talents in providing a design for the Town Seal based on local history.

We might even state that it is a reasonable conjecture that our local schools might have been asked to partake in this historic undertaking.

Recent Research Sheds Some Light

Recently, we were doing research on another subject. As is often the case, we were perusing historian Louis Everts' text while attempting to sift-out certain facts attributable to Agawam from Everts' account of West Springfield.

It was at this time that we chanced upon an excerpt dealing with a certain local Indian by the name of **Greylock**. After reading the account several times, we began to associate the story with the scenario depicted in the Town Seal. We finally concluded that the story of old Greylock closely resembled that imaginative portrayal on the seal!

Everts' Account

Everts' excerpt concerning Old Greylock was taken from the journal of a certain Sewall White (date unknown). In Mr. Sewall's account of the local Indians, Everts' states the following story: *"An Indian by the name of Old Greylock is supposed to have been the most cunning of all the savage race inhabiting this section of the country. 'Tis said that he often boasted of having killed one hundred persons, save one, and that he had taken and carried away many more for the purpose of raising money out of their friends by way of redemption."*

"In the time of the French War, Old Greylock lay the greater part of one day secreted in a ditch near the ancient burying-ground, watching to kill or take captive Henry Rogers, a robust, giant-like man, of West Springfield."

"Mr. Rogers was in the field, hoeing corn, and never went into the forest or cornfield without carrying his musket. Greylock, seeing it, came to the resolution at length not to fire upon Mr. R., fearing, as he said afterward, that if he should fail to kill him dead, that he should be dispatched himself at once."

Who Was Henry Rogers?

In an effort to establish the whereabouts of Sewall White's story, in a geographical perspective to Agawam, we sought further information concerning Henry Rogers. Again Everts came to the rescue! *"Henry Rogers was born in 1733, and resided in this town (West Springfield) and lived on the bank of the Connecticut River..."*

Yet there remains a question of doubt as to the above Henry Rogers (being the same as that mentioned in the story concerning Old Greylock). The fact is that Everts also mentions a Henry Rogers as having been granted land in the "Street Division" of West Springfield, per order of the subdivision of lands *"at a meeting of the inhabitants of the Second Parish of Springfield, April ye 7th, 1707..."*

Since Everts states that Henry Rogers was born in 1733, it would seem most probable that this Henry Rogers might have been the namesake of the earlier Henry Rogers so-named in the transaction of land in 1707, likely the father or grandfather.

The question remains as to the exact time frame during which the Greylock story took place, but even then, does it matter? The White account states that the incident took place during *"the French War,"* but this could refer to any of four stages in time during which the English and French were at odds with one another.

According to Everts, the Henry Rogers, born in 1733, was *"...a strong, athletic man, and did valuable service in the wars."* This physical description matches that given in White's journal.

Therefore, we might easily assume that since this Henry Rogers was born in 1733, he would have been 23 years of age at the outset of the final period of the old French Wars, better known as the Seven Years War (1756-1763). This assumption does appear to be the most logical period of time during which White's account took place.

The Threat Of Hostile Indians

For the most part we can assume that our local Indians had maintained a peaceful co-existence with the early European arrivals from the outset in 1635. It wasn't until King Philip's War (1675) that the Agawams, some of whom had moved across the river to Springfield, decided to join in with the Sachem of the Wampanoags.

Even after the war had ended there remained some distant fear of marauding bands infiltrating as far south as this locale. However, Agawam Town Historian Edith LaFrancis does state: *"The threat from hostiles continued through the years of the French and Indian Wars which ended in 1758. Towns farther up the valley were hit and prisoners were taken to Canada, Agawam escaped any material damage during the last of the Indian Wars."*

The fact remains that even at the time of the Seven Years War, Agawam, Feeding Hills, and their neighboring settlements were still a part of the Western Frontier and were always alert to the possible threat of Indian attacks!

In any event, it would appear that the escapade between Old Greylock and Henry Rogers happened sometime during the last of the French Wars, placing the time of the incident approximately 100 years prior to the incorporation of Agawam/Feeding Hills.

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Home Show Officials Hail Another Success

Following six days filled with throngs of enthusiastic visitors and exciting displays, the 1989 edition of the "Original" Western Mass. Home Show closed its doors for another year. Home Show Chairman Stanley F. Osowski summed up this year's show as "the best Home Show ever in terms of the quality and number of exhibits, as well as the public's support of the event."

Several exhibitors commented that people even spent more than one day at the show—surveying what was available one day and coming back to see specific exhibitors about their needs the next. Conversations with Home Show visitors about their perceptions of this year's show wholly support the theme "Professionals on Review."

The Home Show, the only one sponsored, produced and directed by the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, had over 700 exhibits on display, which were seen by an audience of over 92,000 people. These figures continue to support the long history of the "Original" Western Mass. Home Show as the largest in New England.

Raymond E. LaPlante, deputy chairman of the Home

Show, commented on the attendance: "People know that once a year in March they can come to our Home Show and in one location find almost everything they need 'to make their house a home.' We have been fortunate over the years in developing a strong loyalty among the residents of Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut, which is based on the variety of our many exhibitors, and the quality of the products and services which they offer."

This year's "Original" Western Mass. Home Show covered more than six acres at the Eastern States Exposition, and the products and services offered ranged from a completely detailed and furnished Victorian dollhouse to a fully decorated two-story Garrison Colonial modular home on the Home Show's "Street of Dreams."

Home Show Sales Director Raymond E. Berthiaume commented that "every year our Home Show is able to attract a broad range of exhibitors, thanks in large part to the tremendous crowds which we get, and the personal attention they receive. Since we are a not-for-profit organization, doing the show to help fund the many projects of the Home Builders Association, we

have a strong commitment to our exhibitors to make sure that each of them is able to share in the success of the overall show. While the 'Original' Western Mass. Home Show has numerous exhibitors from Massachusetts and Connecticut, our strong national reputation allows us to bring in exhibitors from all sections of the country, even as far away as California."

While patrons, exhibitors, and Home Builder Association members and staff agree that this year's "Original" Western Mass. Home Show was the best ever, plans are already being made for the 37th edition, scheduled for March 20th-25th, 1990.

In closing, Osowski stated, "Consumer expectations are always high for a show like ours, and the home building industry and the suppliers of goods and services for the home are constantly developing new products and improving their existing lines. It's our job, as the pre-eminent Home Show in New England, to bring these elements together in new and exciting ways. We've already begun this process and can guarantee that there will be some surprises for our March, 1990 show."

Is Astrology Fact Or Fiction Program Set

Astrology: Fact or Fiction? will be the topic of the Springfield Science Museum's monthly Science at Noon program on Tuesday, April 25th, at 12:15 p.m.

Whether we take it seriously or not, most of us at least glance our daily horoscope. For centuries astrologers have been using the stars and planets to predict human activities and earthly events. But how accurate are their astronomical tables and how valid are their forecasts? This planetarium program examines the scientific inaccuracies of astrology and challenges its effect on our lives.

The program will be held in the museum's planetarium. Bag lunches are welcome and coffee will be provided. Children under six are not admitted to the planetarium. Admission is free.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. For information, call the museum, 733-1194.

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Junior High Band Unveils Busy Schedule

The Agawam Junior High School band is keeping a very busy spring schedule. The group recently traveled to West Warwick, Rhode Island, to march in a St. Patrick's Day Parade, where the band captured a first-place trophy.

The marching band is sporting a new look: cumberbunds, capes, hats and plumes. The Junior High Parents are pleased to note that the \$2,700 for new uniforms was raised through a single fundraising event—an auction which was held at Valley Community Church in January. These uniforms can be seen in Agawam at the Annual Memorial Day Parade in May.

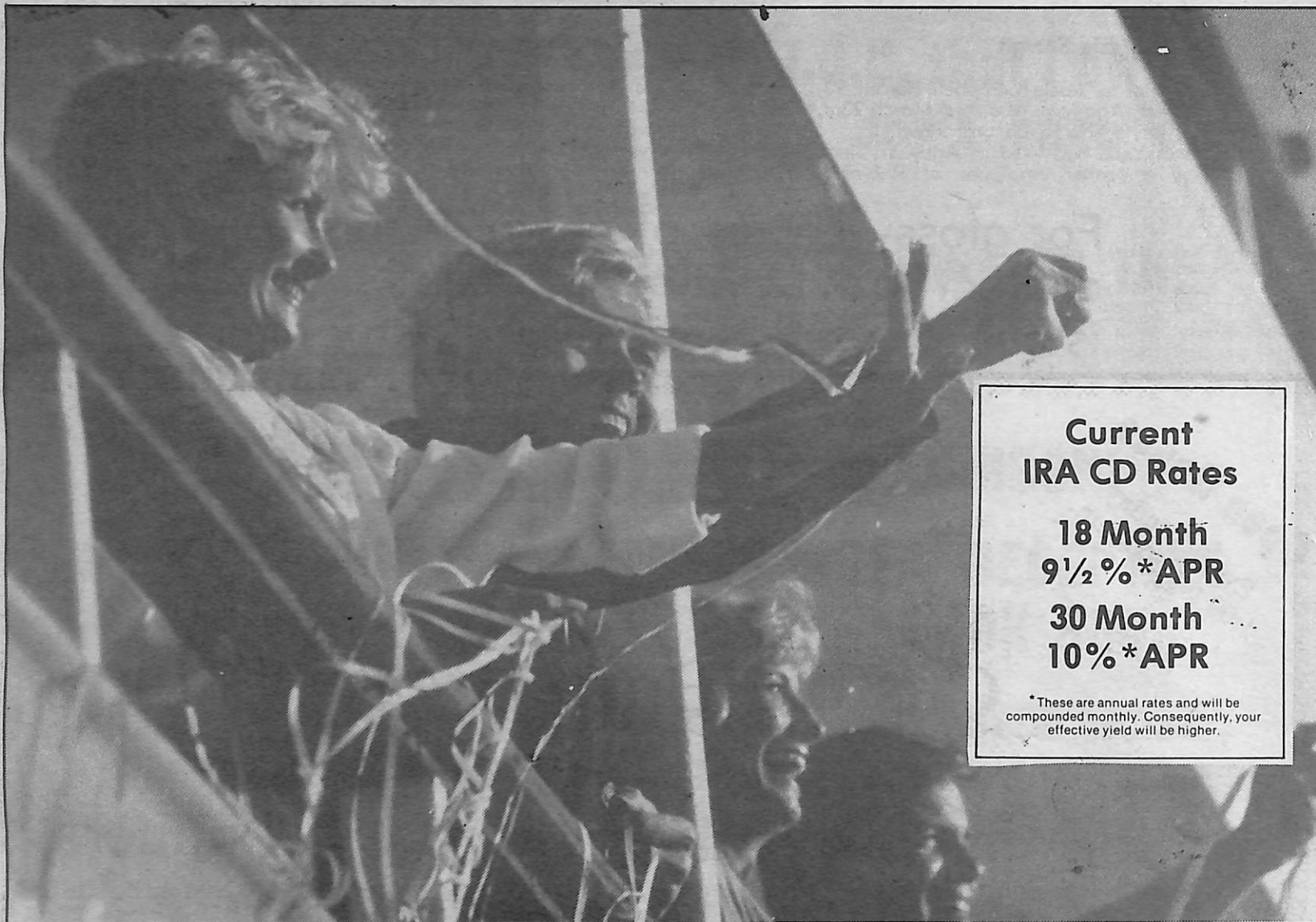
May will be a busy month for the band, as the group will be featured in many upcoming performances. The band will perform at the Agawam Criminal Justice Training Center graduation on May 5th, and travel to the Heritage Music Festival in Boston on May 6th, where the concert, jazz, and marching bands will be

defending their three first-place 1988 standings. The Annual Band Time Concert is scheduled for May 9th.

A performance at the Music Carousel Festival is slated for May 12th. The concert band received an excellent rating at this event in 1988. The Jazz Band will perform at an in-school assembly and compete in the National Association of Jazz Educators' Massachusetts All-Western/Central District Jazz Band Championships on May 16th, which will be hosted in Agawam this year.

Being selected to host the festival is a distinction; in addition, the Agawam Jazz Band will be defending its 1988 medal-winning performance in Division I. This year's event should be particularly exciting, as it promises to be the biggest in history. Tickets for this competition are \$2.50 each and may be obtained from Band Director Tammy Watson at Agawam Junior High, 789-1400, extension 460.

TO OUR READERS: Our policy on Letters To The Editor is that all letters must be signed and a phone number included if we have any question on its validity. On occasion, we will withhold a name on request, but these letters are non-political and non-controversial in nature, and relate to praising good deeds done by students, groups, civic organizations, etc.



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Agawam Obituaries

Judith N. Grassetti-Roy

Judith N. (Roberts) Grassetti-Roy, 47, of Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, a former 14-year medical secretary at Baystate Medical Center's Wesson Unit, died in Western Massachusetts Hospital, Westfield.

Born in Springfield, she was graduated from the High School of Commerce there. She lived in Agawam for 16 years, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves her husband, Charles E. Roy; a son, Stephen D. Grassetti; a daughter, Karen S. Grassetti, both of Agawam; her mother, Madora (Bousquet) Roberts of Daytona Beach, Florida, and a sister, Carol O'Neill of Hollis, New Hampshire.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Evelyn A. Keroack

Evelyn A. (Tisdell) Keroack, 81, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Agawam, she graduated from Agawam High School and had lived in Springfield and in West Springfield before returning to Agawam 12 years ago. She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Springfield. Her husband, Arsene Keroack, died in 1982.

She leaves a brother, Merrill of Feeding Hills, and several nephews.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, Agawam, and in the church, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Jessie Barrett

A memorial service for Jessie (Campbell) Barrett, 93, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, who died March 23rd, was held in St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow.

Born in Canada, she had lived in Agawam since 1972 and was a former employee of Robinson

Reminders in Westfield. She was the wife of the late Sidney Barrett.

She leaves a son, Donald C. of West Springfield; two brothers, the Reverend Donald Campbell and John, both of Nova Scotia, Canada; a sister, Dora Reed of Longmeadow; two grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Grace E. Letendre

Grace E. (Lapine) Letendre, 72, of 11 Allen Street, Agawam, an award-winning churchwoman and a retired 29-year accountant and tax preparer, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. She previously worked as a secretary at Monsanto Company for 15 years, and retired in 1983.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and received the Pope Pius X Award for lay service. She was a member of the Diocesan Deanery board, and a teacher and administrator for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. She was also a member of the Agawam Senior Center.

She leaves her husband, Raymond J. Letendre; two sons, John R. of West Springfield, and Leo J. of St. Louis, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial at Agawam Center Cemetery.

Irene F. Cirillo

Irene F. (Gallo) Cirillo, 65, of 41 Western Drive, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam for 29 years, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. Her husband, Joseph R. Cirillo, died in 1977.

She leaves a son, Michael of Agawam; three daughters, Linda Barnard and Brenda Cirillo of Springfield, and Joanne Raymond of Hyannis; two sisters, Madeline Chechile and Mary Pisano of Agawam, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Ida Slater

Ida (Katalina) Slater, 74, of 961 North Street Extension, Feeding Hills, a retired employee of Duys Warehouse and the Clark Brothers Farms, both in Westfield, died in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Born in Westfield, she lived there most of her life before moving to Feeding Hills in 1975. She was the widow of Everett Slater, who died in 1975.

She leaves three sons, Robert, with whom she lived, and Gerald E. of Westfield and Peter C. of Russell; a daughter, Mary Corliss of Westfield; three brothers, Peter of Springfield and Joseph and Michael of Westfield; three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Robert E. Cusack Funeral Home of Westfield and in Holy Trinity Church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, all of Westfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 33 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA, 02194, or Mercy Hospital.

Gertrude H. Coffey

Gertrude H. (Curran) Coffey, 81, of 17 Duclos Drive, Feeding Hills, a former 40-year insurance agent for Field Eddy & Buckley of Springfield, died at home. She retired in 1966.

Born in Springfield, she was a former longtime resident of Springfield, and a former 10-year resident of West Springfield. She moved to Agawam in 1986. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. She was a member of Golden Agers Chapter 251, and was a volunteer at the Senior Center. Her husband, Michael J. Coffey, died in 1968.

She leaves a son, Thomas H. of Vienna, Virginia; two brothers, Joseph P. of Longmeadow and Mauric F. of West Springfield; four grandchildren, and a nephew, Joseph E. Curran, with whom she lived.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Society, in care of Godfrey Borgatti, 45 High Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

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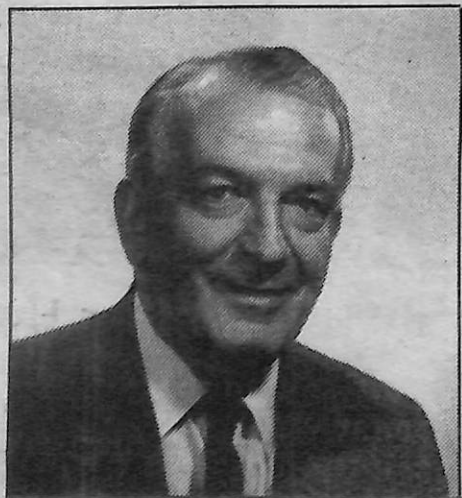
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Heritage Hall News, Notes, & Activities



RESIDENT OF THE WEEK
Ethel Baker Allen

Ethel Baker Allen was born in North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, where her family operated a dairy farm. Ethel completed her formal education at Boston University with a bachelor of arts in English.

Ethel taught English in the Springfield School System. There she met Charles Reid Allen, a teacher of

physics at Technical High School. They were married in 1930. The couple had two sons, Craig of Maryland, and David of Minnesota. There are four grandchildren.

Ethel was a member of the D.A.R. (Mercy Warren Chapter), and a member of Women's Society of Trinity United Methodist Church and Fortnightly Club.

Perhaps you have met Ethel. She worked at Johnson's Bookstore for 25 years at the age of 75 years! Not one to be idle, Ethel then volunteered at Springfield's Duggan Junior High School in the library.

We are delighted to have this energetic woman to be with us at Heritage Hall!

My Name Is Darlene

"I go to the Latch Key Program at Heritage Hall every day. I go there from 2:15 p.m. after school, and I leave at 5:00 p.m. I have made friends with a lot of the residents."

"We go to the South Building on Monday and Wednesday. We go to the West Building on Tuesday. We go to the North Building on Thursday and Friday."

"My favorite resident is Anne from the North Building. She likes to sit next to me during the programs. She even saves me a seat beside her. Our favorite programs are 'Let's Reminisce,' 'Indoor Horseshoes,' and 'Creative Writing.'"

"I like Latch Key; it is fun!"

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Remember the days of the old-fashioned ice cream parlors with the glass top tables and the white wire chairs, when you could order all kinds of flavors such as frozen pudding, rum raisin, ginger, peppermint stick, and tutti-frutti, many flavors which are not around today.

Recently West Building tried to recreate these days with a real old-fashioned ice cream social. Residents were able to choose their flavors and special topping with or without Jimmies. Remember Jimmies?

Many fond memories were recalled of the days when sundaes were bought in the tall glasses with the long spoons for 25 cents, when you sat at these tables and were waited on like Kings and Queens.

These days are gone now but as the saying goes, "The Memory Lingers On."

Colonial Funeral Home Announces Dates For OPTIONS Program

Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, has announced the following events.

Thursdays, May 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th—The Workshop OPTIONS—Four session weekly series designed to help in understanding yourself during the grief process. We strongly recommend participation in this series. Pre-registration is suggested. Faith United Church, 52 Sumner Avenue (across street from Friendly's), Springfield. (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 9th—OPTIONS, for a brighter tomorrow, emotional support for widows and widowers will hold a guest speaker program at Mt. Carmel lower church hall, 123 William Street, Springfield, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Speaker will be Jim Doyle, travel consultant. Doyle has experience in designing travel to meet specific needs or problems. Free of charge, sponsored by the Forastiere, Colonial, and Southwick Funeral Homes. For more information and a brochure, call 733-5311.

Tuesday, May 23rd—OPTIONS, for a brighter tomorrow, support group for widows and widowers. This group is designed to provide the chance to learn from each other, from people who truly understand because they are widowed too. Free of charge. Two locations, Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., or Mt. Carmel Lower Church Hall, 123 William Street, Springfield, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Forastiere, Colonial, and Southwick Funeral Homes. For more information and a brochure, call 733-5311.

Tuesday, June 13th—OPTIONS, Pot Luck Supper at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Lower Church Hall, 123 William Street, Springfield, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A delicious combination of favorite recipes. Bring your own eating utensils and plates, and contribution of food (one recipe). Also bring pictures of your wedding if you wish to share the memories, traditions and to compare styles of dresses and flower arrangements. It'll be fun. Let us know what you are bringing so we can have a variety of food. Call Louise Raschilla, 525-6051, or Alice Stein, 786-1957.

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SENIOR LADIES ELSIE WILSON and Agnes Brunton attended the Annual Senior Ladies Tea sponsored by the Agawam Women's Club on Tuesday, April 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BELL RINGERS from the Agawam First Baptist Church provided the entertainment at the Annual Senior Ladies Tea held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on April 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GATHERED AT THE ANNUAL SENIOR LADIES TEA at the Leonard House April 4th are Hattie Eno, Norma Gallese, Dorothy Kraemer, and Lena DePinto. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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When idiopathic scoliosis was named, the origin was unknown. Today experts in the area of spinal biomechanics have shown its cause to often be an imbalance of the muscular support to the spine from imbalanced nerve function.

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Treatment at this advanced stage can retard or halt the progress of the scoliosis, but complete correction is not obtainable. The obvious answer to the problem is to find the imbalance when it first develops, thus preventing the abnormal bone formation.

These are some important things that may allow you to detect a scoliosis at its beginning so that appropriate treatment can be rendered. The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office offers a comprehensive screening with appropriate treatment.

S.T.A.R.T. Exercising...

by Patrick Carley, M.S., R.P.T.
S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy
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DEAR S.T.A.R.T.: Now that the spring season has arrived, I've started to really get out there and exercise. I really haven't done much of anything since last fall and now my muscles become so sore that I can't exercise for several days. Why is this and what can be done?

Sore Muscles

DEAR S.M.:

It's not unusual after being relatively inactive for several months and then suddenly thrusting your muscles into vigorous activity, that they are screaming at you in pain! There are two types of muscle soreness associated with exercise.

The first is acute soreness occurring immediately after exercise, which is then resolved when exercise has ceased.

The second type and the one that you seem to be experiencing is delayed soreness, which is related mainly to unaccustomed work.

There are different theories that have been proposed to explain this soreness. Unfortunately, the various studies conducted have pretty much failed to answer this question. However, there are indications that do exist that may help to explain this delayed soreness. A muscle is made-up of different types of fibers which when stretched beyond their limit, will cause the muscle to become sore. The soreness is a disruption or a tear in these fibers or possibly damage to the connective tissue may have occurred.

The key to reducing muscle soreness is a gradual increase in activity. You may still get some minor soreness but nothing to prevent you from exercising. A complete warm-up before you go all out, followed by a cool-down after activity is very important. Probably the most crucial part of this is to stretch all of the major muscle groups. You don't specify what activity you're engaging in, but it's still a good idea to concentrate on overall stretching.

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Free Vision Screening For Agawam Senior Citizens

Senior citizens can take advantage of a free vision screening from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, April 19th.

Visitors to the Community Eye Care mobile van will be tested for visual acuity, glaucoma, cataracts, and other eye problems.

Community Eye Care is a public service project designed to foster an increased awareness of vision health for senior citizens because the greatest percentage of eye problems exists in the aging population.

The screening takes less than 20 minutes. Preregistration is suggested. Call the site for an appointment, 786-0400, extension 242. There is no charge for the screening.

ElderHaven Inc. Sets Free Blood Pressure Clinic For Srs.

Attention all senior citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills.

There will be a free Blood Pressure Clinic Tuesday, April 25th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at ElderHaven, Adult Day Center, 340 Springfield Street, Agawam (O'Brien's Corner).

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For Your Health - continued...**Medications That Affect Eye Health, Vision**

by Dr. Richard Gallerani - Optometrist - Feeding Hills Center

There are many commonly prescribed medications that can affect eye health and vision, some permanently. Since these changes are often subtle and difficult to detect early on, it is necessary to be examined regularly by an eye doctor. If these changes are detected early, your physician can be alerted and dosages or medications changed before damage is severe. This is critical in those medications where damage is irreversible.

One of the more devastating medications is prednisone used for severe asthma and arthritis. Prednisone can lead to elevation of the eye's pressure resulting in glaucoma or cause a particular type of cataract called a posterior subcapsular cataract (PSC). While pressures may return to normal after cessation of prednisone, any damage to the optic nerve and vision will be permanent as nerve tissue does not regenerate. The cataract is not reversible and is a type that tends to advance rapidly and disrupt vision more than the other types of cataracts that develop with age.

The PSC tends to form in a central location in the lens between the pupil and macula where the most acute vision is located, thereby causing much glare and a large detrimental effect on vision.

Other common medication for arthritis or inflammation also can affect the macula or other ocular structures. Many of the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as Indocin (Indomethacin) can cause disruption of the pigment layer of the macula, thereby disrupting retinal structure and function and decreasing vision. These changes are irreversible. Plaquenil causes a "bull's eye" pigmentary change which also reduces color vision and acuity. Gold salts can cause changes in the lens and cornea. Even motrin (Ibuprofen) or over-the-counter Advil or Nuprin can cause visual disturbances in higher doses.

Another group of medications that can affect vision are medications for elevated blood cholesterol. One, niacin, can effect the macular function causing visual disturbances such as wavy distortion or small missing pieces called scotomas and can lead to permanent changes in structure and visual function. If detected early, these changes can be reversed by decreasing or

discontinuing the medication. Mevacor (lovastatin) has been reported to cause cataracts in some individuals.

The extent to which this occurs is controversial and still under investigation. However, any cataract changes are irreversible. Patients on Mevacor should be examined every six months.

Accutane for acne has been implicated in sudden vision loss, decreased night vision, dry eye, and corneal opacities. Any patient experiencing these changes should consult an eye doctor immediately since these are irreversible. Amiodarone (Cardarone) for heart disease can cause permanent deposits in the cornea and cause halos, blurred vision and light sensitivity (photophobia). While these changes may not be sufficient to result in the removal of this important heart medication, the changes should be evaluated and followed. Lanoxin (Digoxin) for heart disease may cause yellowed vision, visual hallucinations or blurred vision. These are important changes to have evaluated since these may be an early indication that the drug is becoming toxic.

Medications for depression such as Elavil (Amitriptyline) can affect the macula and cause permanent changes in the pigment of the retina. Focusing ability (accommodation) can also be effected to some degree.

Birth control pills can increase the risk of emboli (fat debris in the blood stream) which can block arteries. These often can be detected when they become lodged in the small retinal arteries. Oral contraceptives can also alter tear film chemistry and affect a contact lens fit. Oral antihistamines such as Chlortrimeton (chlorpheniramine) can affect the tear film and accommodation while decongestants can affect pupil size. These two medications are often used in combination in allergy preparations.

There are many other medications which can cause visual changes. Check with your physician or eye doctor for any ocular side effects. Always give a complete list of all medications during an eye examination. And keep regular appointments if you are using the drugs listed above.

Providence Hospital To Begin Weekly Blood Pressure Clinics

Providence Hospital will begin a series of weekly free blood pressure testing clinics on Wednesday, April 19th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the hospital lobby.

The clinics will be held each Wednesday at those hours.

No preregistration is required for the clinics. Persons need to only come to the hospital lobby during those hours to have their pressure tested.

Persons seeking more information may contact Michael J. Burke, director of Community Relations, 539-2467.

Mercy Hospital Offering Several April Programs

Mercy Hospital is offering a free chronic obstructive pulmonary disease program (COPD) for patients and their families on Thursday, April 20th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The program helps individuals suffering from asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema learn more about COPD and how they can better cope with their disease. Families are encouraged to attend. For registration and location, call 781-9100, extension 1610 (Respiratory Therapy Department).

The Patient Education Department of Mercy Hospital is offering a cholesterol screening program, on Thursday, April 27th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Fasting is necessary 10-12 hours prior to testing (water may be taken). Results will be mailed to participants within 24 hours. A video program is included. The suggested donation is \$5, and registration is on a walk-in basis.

A blood glucose screening program is being held at Mercy Hospital on Friday, April 28th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Prior to the test, participants should not take food and liquids (other than water) after midnight. A donation of \$2 is requested for testing materials.

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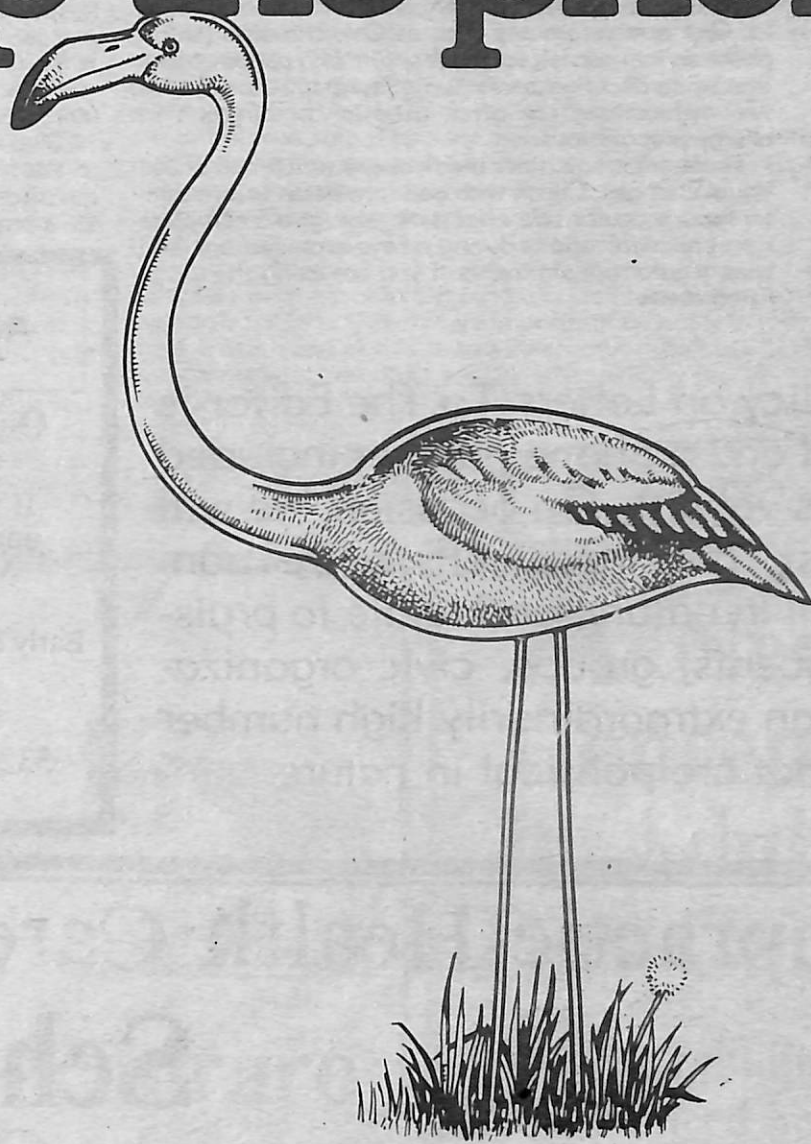


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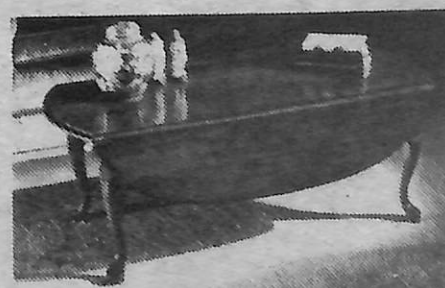
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Arts

The Nerd Provides Night Of Sheer Delight At StageWest

by Phil Benoit

Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Two years ago, StageWest scored one of its biggest hits in recent years with its production of Larry Shue's *The Foreigner*, an uproarious comedy which delighted both the critics and the playgoing public alike. Now, this professional theatre company is staging another of Shue's works, *The Nerd*, an equally hilarious show which is bound to entertain and please those people who found *The Foreigner* so enjoyable.

Set in the present in the city of Terre Haute, Indiana, *The Nerd* chronicles what happens during one week in the life of Willum Cubbert (Matthew A. Loney), a 36-year-old architect who's about to receive the surprise of his life in the form of a "gentleman" by the name of Rick Steadman (Noble Shropshire) who has travelled from Wisconsin to pay Mr. Cubbert a visit.

You see, during the Vietnam War, Rick saved Willum's life, but they never actually met each other because he was sent stateside before Willum regained consciousness in a military hospital. Since that time, both men have kept in touch by way of casual correspondence; and now, as luck—or fate—would have it, the two of them are about to actually greet each other for the very first time.

Unfortunately, events do not go as expected—in fact, things frequently get downright disastrous. During a dinner party which Willum is having with some people, Rick makes a most startling entrance and proves to everyone around him that he is a walking and talking example of what we mean by the term "nerd." An unbelievably moronic and goofy individual who lacks any social graces whatsoever, Rick proceeds to ruin the evening for Willum and his company and, what's worse, moves in with the totally shocked Willum.

Throughout the years since his days in Vietnam, Willum—via his letters to Rick—has continually told him that he owes him his life and that his door would always be open for him. However, Willum's words have come back to haunt him in the worst way, and after having Rick as a live-in visitor for six days, he finds himself desperate enough to do whatever it takes to get rid of this pest once and for all.

Running at StageWest's S. Prestley Blake Mainstage until May 6th, *The Nerd* is, in essence, a comical examination of what happens when one man's sincere gratitude is completely taken advantage of, as well as the idea that no matter what someone else has



MATTHEW A. LONEY as Willum Cubbert and Noble Shropshire as "The Nerd" Rick Steadman in the StageWest production of "The Nerd." The Larry Shue comedy, originally scheduled to run through April 30th, has been extended to May 6th.

beneficially done for you, he (or she) has no right to infringe upon the day-to-day goings-on in your life.

Chock-full of stunningly funny moments which I will not dare reveal within the paragraphs of my review, this two-act farce puts its characters through their paces by way of both physical and verbal humor that is often insanely zany. If you remember the wackiness of StageWest's production of *The Foreigner*, then you have a notion of what to expect from *The Nerd*; and, if you relished that earlier show, then be prepared to sit back and laugh yourself silly when you see what transpires throughout this thoroughly worthwhile and crowd-pleasing play.

Directed with much skill and flair by John Tyson, this rendition of *The Nerd* boasts outstanding performances by each and every member of its cast. Doing their thing on Keith Henery's quaint, woody, and semi-bucolic set, these superb actors and actresses proficiently enhance Larry Shue's dialogue with enough vim and vigor to take an inherently and outrageously amusing comedy and turn it into a truly and side-splittingly rare theatregoing experience.

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Agawam is fortunate to have among its former citizens Anne Sullivan, who came to international attention as the teacher of Helen Keller. Anne was born on April 12, 1866 on South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, where she spent the first ten years of her life. It is with a deep sense of pride in our community that we invite you to join us in paying homage to this very special Agawam native.

We hope that you have had the opportunity to read all the publicity concerning the Anne Sullivan Memorial Sculpture which has been commissioned and will be placed on the green in the center of Feeding Hills. The memorial will be an original bronze by world renowned sculptor Mico Kaufman. The work has been appropriately entitled "water" as that was the first word Anne taught Helen.

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Marbling Paper Workshop At Historic Museum May 2nd

Easthampton artisan Faith Harrison teaches the techniques of marbling paper in this two-day workshop beginning on Tuesday, May 2nd, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum Education center.

Hands-on experience in the color and design of marbled paper will teach participants the basic steps in creating hand-marbled paper in this two-day workshop. Students will make traditional patterns and free-form designs.

Hand-made papers can be used for books, calligraphy, lampshades or wall art. This course is designed for students with no previous experience; beginning level students are also welcome.

Harrison, proprietor of Decorative Papers in Easthampton, is the designer of the traditional Kleenex-brand tissue box.

Please bring the following supplies to class: apron, pencil, and notebook. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required at least one week before the first class session. For more information, please contact the Historical Museum, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The Historical Museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Tickets Still Available For "Connecticut Yankee" May 7

Now is "almost the last chance" to purchase tickets for the musical "Connecticut Yankee" at the Goodspeed Opera House, May 7th. The cost is \$30 for a show ticket and bus trip.

The bus will leave the Agawam High School at 3:30 p.m., and return approximately 9:30 p.m. For tickets or information, call Sylvia Deliso, 786-1859, or Barbara Dunn, 786-7147.

This trip is partially funded by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council, through a grant from the Mass. Art Lottery.

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In the supporting role of Mr. Waldgrave, Ben Scranton demonstrates once again why he is one of StageWest's most consistently funny players. This character is a gruff and grumpy hotel owner whom Willum is currently working for, and during the dinner party wherein Rick makes his initial appearance, Mr. Waldgrave—thanks to Scranton's ever-blustery performance—continually serves as a great source of humor because he no patience at all when it comes to Rick's nerdy behavior.

As Clelia, Mr. Waldgrave's wife, Christine Adaire initially comes across as a calm and collected woman who appears as though she'd never lose her cool in any situation. But, courtesy of Rick's shenanigans, Clelia begins to exhibit a growing anxiety, and Miss Adaire adeptly conveys this anxiety with a droll sense of seething frustration and aggression.

Meanwhile, the part of Thor is alternately played by Michael Pacella and Tristan Tash. The Waldgraves' obnoxiously bratty young son, this character gets a comeuppance of sorts when Rick comes onstage, and his loud emotional outbursts evoke much laughter and feelings of "you deserve what you get, kid."

Shelley Williams makes for quite an appealing presence as Tansy McGinnis, Willum's good-natured girlfriend who's about to move to Washington, D.C.. Miss Williams infuses her role with an abundance of winsomely and wholesomely alluring charm; at the same time, however, she is also very humorous, especially when Tansy's ladylike temperament threatens to get undone by Rick's abhorrent antics.

As a character named Axel Hammond, David Gottlieb supplies the show with many memorable one-liners. A weary drama critic who is a good friend to both Willum and Tansy, this individual requires an actor to come across as a laid-back, ever-cynical, and wise-cracking man who's always there to comment on the story's action. And, most auspiciously, Gottlieb perfectly fulfills this role with much zest and conviction.

Portraying what is basically a "nice guy," Loney is first-rate in the part of Willum Cubbert. For most of the play, he projects an overly mild-mannered demeanor which eventually proves to be self-destructive when it comes to the grating presence of Rick Steadman; then, as the plot dictates, Loney begins to gradually display hints of deep-down and resolute self-preservation that ultimately come to light when Rick, in the end, finally goes too far and makes one mistake too many.

In the title role of Rick Steadman, Shropshire delivers an unforgettable performance and commands our complete attention from the moment he walks onto the set. Adorned with a disheveled white shirt, a pencil-thin dark tie, a forlorn pair of eyeglasses, and dark trousers whose pockets are excessively stuffed with Lord-knows-what, he epitomizes the physical characteristics of the quintessential nerd.

Yet, more importantly, this actor projects an aura of utter imbecility and utters his words with a jarringly nasal voice, thereby rendering his character as a pathetically laughable clown whose sheer ridiculousness is sometimes as frightful as it is rib-tickling.

Mattoon Arts Festival Accepting Artists' Applications

The Mattoon Arts Festival Committee is accepting applications from artists and craftspeople for participation in the 17th Annual Show scheduled for September 9th and 10th.

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'Pinafore' Spicy Musical Comedy

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

In and of themselves, the century-old and widely popular comic operas of Sir William S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur S. Sullivan are hilarious and drolly satiric sources of entertainment which feature a plethora of laughs. But, in the Westfield Theater Group's no-holds-barred production of one of those operas, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, the innate humor of these two men has been complemented and, thus, enhanced by a contemporary, slyly tongue-in-cheek approach to its story.

The two-act show, which ran last Friday and Saturday, has six more performances scheduled over the next two Fridays (April 14th and 21st) and Saturdays (April 15th and 22nd). Each Friday and Saturday evening performance begins at 8:00 p.m., and on the two Saturdays, there will be a matinee at 2:00 p.m.. All performances are held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield (one block off the Westfield Common).

With dialogue and lyrics by Gilbert, and music by Sullivan, *H.M.S. Pinafore* is set in the late 19th century and tells the tall tale of a number of romantic relationships which center around a proud British ship by the name of (you guessed it!) "H.M.S. Pinafore." One of its stalwart sailors, Ralph Rackshaw (Dan O'Brien), happens to be madly in love with a young lady named Josephine (Agawam's Susan Weiner).

However, Josephine's father just happens to be Captain Corcoran (Larry Andersen), the commander of the "Pinafore," and he would never want his upper-crust daughter to marry a lowly seaman such as Ralph. What's more, Captain Corcoran already has wedding plans in mind for Josephine, for he intends to have her marry the quite-a-bit-older Sir Joseph Porter (Feeding Hills' Gerard R. Millette), the First Lord of the Admiralty and supreme leader of the English navy.

Meanwhile, as if these affairs of the heart weren't already enough, the Captain himself is highly adored by Little Buttercup (Southwick's Sara Jones), a peddler woman, who, ironically, is of even lower social class than the young sailor who's hopelessly enamored of his daughter.

Subtitled *The Lass That Loved A Sailor*, *H.M.S. Pinafore* is a high-spirited, farcical satire which pokes fun at such topics as upper-class snobbery, politics, the military establishment, and the theatrical genre known as "grand opera" (which is normally characterized by plotlines that come across as serious drama).

To exemplify this play's style of parody, the character of Sir Joseph Porter is an inept and buffoonish man who rose to power not by way of brave adventures on the sea, but by being an office-bound stooge who brownnosed and finagled when he needed to. In fact, this First Lord of the Admiralty has never even sailed on a ship throughout his entire career.

Yet, in regard to this comic opera as a whole, its satirical content has been given a boost, so to speak, by the Westfield Theater Group. Under the impressively polished direction of Steve Hays (the founder and former producing director of StageWest), this production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* is more wacky and humorously ludicrous than Gilbert and Sullivan originally intended it to be.

For instance, after she is introduced to us in the musical number "I'm Called Little Buttercup," that particular character continually sashays in front of the "Pinafore's" crew, who then proceed to express their approval of her buxom physique by almost drooling

over her. This bit of comical lewdness is not a typical characteristic of the script, and its presence in the Westfield Theater Group's rendition brings to mind the kind of bawdy comedy that you'll find on such popular television programs as *Monty Python's Flying Circus* and *The Benny Hill Show*.

Other examples of this production's slightly off-the-wall atmosphere are the depictions of the characters Ralph Rackshaw and Josephine. These roles are among the more serious ones in the entire story and can be played in a straight-laced fashion; instead, O'Brien portrays Ralph as a lantern-jawed, somewhat supercilious hero, and Miss Weiner, in turn, has fun with her part by rendering Josephine as a squeaky-voiced gal who frequently crosses her eyes and pronounces her "r's" in a manner highly reminiscent of the cartoon character Elmer Fudd.

In regard to the other members of this large cast, these thespians deserve as much hearty praise as the aforementioned O'Brien and Miss Weiner. Working on a well-crafted and well-furnished set which represents the "Pinafore's" quarterdeck and an adjacent dock, and accompanied by director Hays himself on a state-of-the-art keyboard, the colorfully and elaborately costumed performers skillfully bring to life such memorable songs as "We Sail The Ocean Blue," "For I Hold That On The Seas," "A British Tar," and "The Hours Creep On Apace."

Moreover, this fine work is done by both the major actors and actresses and the background players (which include Agawam and Feeding Hills residents Robert Heimann, Sarah Patnode, and Melanie Sands) who make-up the "Pinafore's" crew and various female relatives of Sir Joseph Porter.

Among the more notable supporting cast members, Tim O'Brien provides some chuckles in the role of Bill Bobstay, who, as the "Pinafore's" boatswain, continually grabs everyone's attention by blowing an infuriating whistle.

Another member of the ship's crew, Dick Deadeye, is extremely well-played by Feeding Hills' Bob Sands. A scoundrelly character with an eyepatch, Quasimodo-like physical movements, and who's missing patches of hair here and there, Dick is the closest thing to a villain which the show has, and Sands does a fine job of infusing him with much comical roguishness.

Andersen, as Captain Corcoran, conveys the stiff-lipped and straight-backed demeanor of a long-time military man; simultaneously, he complements his character's serious-minded qualities with a sense of quick-tempered blusteriness which comes to a head whenever something doesn't go his way.

In the part of Little Buttercup, Miss Jones is quite delightful to watch, for she not only exhibits much down-to-earth and girlish sweetness, but also projects

a saucy, world-wise persona that especially comes to fruition when she reveals some all-important information during the latter part of Act II.

And last, but certainly not least, Millette truly shines as Sir Joseph Porter. Wearing an ostentatious uniform that's padded to the hilt and boasting a tomato-red



LITTLE BUTTERCUP (Southwick's Sara Jones) musically explains the paradox of "H.M.S. Pinafore," presented April 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd, at the Westfield Woman's Club. Curtain is 8:00 p.m. on all dates, plus bonus matinees at 2:00 p.m. on April 15th and 22nd. Call 568-2120 for reservations.

nose, this actor comes off as a blimp-like clown who deserves to be laughed at, and he reinforces his character's most amusing qualities via a self-mocking sense of humor which suggests that Sir Joseph realizes that he's nothing but a pompous and idiotic person.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for the Westfield Theater Group's production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* are \$7.50 (general admission) and \$6 (students/seniors). For reservations and/or other information, please call the 24-hour Tele-Service Answering Service at 568-2120.



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Hub Sands, his sons, Bob and Steve, and his granddaughter, Melanie, will take part in the Westfield Theater Group's presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's musical comedy "H.M.S. Pinafore" which opened April 7th at the Westfield Woman's Club.

Although Hub, a retired firefighter, has never performed with the group, he enjoys working behind the scenes as the set carpenter. He said, "My son Bob," an old standby of the Westfield Theater Group, "got me involved in set building." His first work was for "Barefoot in the Park" which ran last winter.

The senior Sands is not involved with set design. He said, "Looks are Larry's (Andersen) baby. If he tells me what he wants I can build it. He's the idea man."

Both Steve and Bob have past theater experience. Bob, who plays Dick Deadeye in "Pinafore" performed in "Pajama Game," "Annie," "Pirates of Penzance" and others. He enjoys helping Agawam High School with lighting and set design. Steve was a chorus member in "South Pacific" and "Pirates of Penzance." He appears as a chorus member.

Hub is very proud of his sons. He said, "Bobby's always been interested in theater. Steve always loved to sing. He used to sing in a band. I'm happy they have this interest."

Melanie, 16, is an active high school student. She plays the bells for the Agawam High School Marching Mohawk Band, and she is a member of the chorus. She appears as a chorus member in "Pinafore." Hub says, "I'm glad she has this outlet. It's a good, healthy outlet. I'm proud of her."

He concluded, "It's a thrill to see your children and grandchildren performing. If they need me, I will contribute again."

"H.M.S. Pinafore" will run April 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd, at 8:00 p.m., and on the 15th and 22nd at 2:00 p.m., for two special matinee performances. All shows will be at the Westfield Woman's Club.

For 24-hour ticket reservations, call Tele-Service Answering Service, 568-2120. Ticket prices: General Admission—Adults, \$7.50; Students/Seniors, \$6; Patron Seating—Adults, \$10; Students/Seniors, \$7.50.

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I thought a simple flight to Fort Myers for a week of R & R wouldn't be too difficult to manage—boy, was I wrong! In fairness to American Airlines, let me preface this "practice run" to the airport tale by saying I was traveling on a travel agent's reduced rate ticket.

If I had purchased a full fare ticket, I would have arrived at my destination on time (or if I had volunteered to give up my seat I would have been compensated).

I dropped my car off at Executive Valet Parking on Route 75 and was shuttled over to the airport at 12:00 noon for a 1:00 p.m. flight. On check-in I was told the flight was oversold and I might not get on (oversold—overbooked, it means the same—they've sold more seats than they have on the aircraft). I didn't worry until they asked for volunteers to give up their seats in exchange for a \$300 voucher good for travel on American Airlines.

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As the plane was ready to depart, the agent told me to grab my bag and follow her. She boarded the plane to see if there was an empty seat. When she returned, they shut the door in my face—guess there wasn't. I didn't get on but my luggage did. So I made my call to Executive Parking to come back and pick me up. This same process was repeated for the 5:10 p.m. flight; the 6:45 a.m. the next morning; and the 1:00 p.m. Everytime I called Executive Parking to pick me up, I'd get the same reply—"Are you back again?" It became a matter of just doing it until I got it right!! I finally got on the 5:10 p.m. and arrived at my destination 28 hours later than scheduled and after five trips to the

airport.

Did I learn anything from this ordeal? Sure did! Never travel on a reduced rate ticket during peak travel times. When they offered \$1,000 vouchers for anyone giving up their seats on the morning flight, boy, did I wish I had a full fare ticket in my hand. Volunteers were put on a Delta flight that left shortly after the American. I still can't believe it—\$1,000. What a deal!!

I also learned it's better to have your luggage arrive before you than after; if I left on time I wouldn't have anything to write about; a short-cut to Bradley; patience is a virtue; and all good things come to those who wait. A big thank-you to the courteous and efficient staff of Executive Parking for their shuttle service.

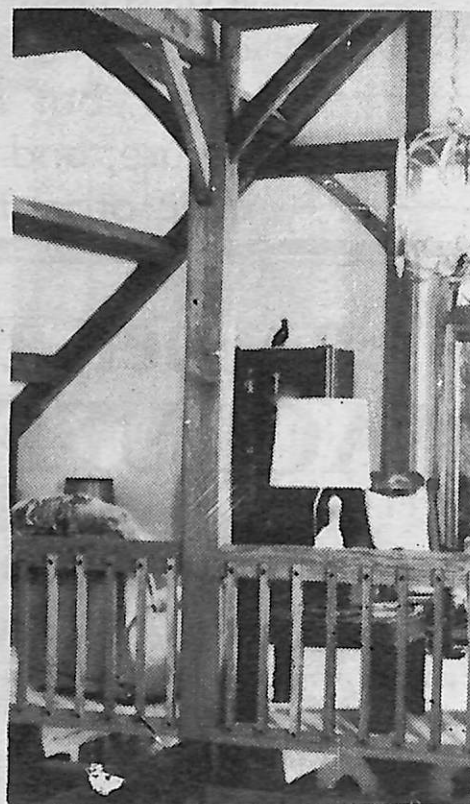
I'm left with one question: Why was it so difficult getting to my destination and so easy to get home when I was hoping to spend another day in the Florida sunshine???

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World-renowned composer/pianist Marvin Hamlisch comes to Symphony Hall to headline the Springfield Symphony Orchestra's Spring Pops concert on Saturday, April 15th, at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 16th, at 3:00 p.m. For this program, sponsored by Peat Marwick Main & Company, Hamlisch will perform a dazzling mix of the countless hits he has written for Broadway, feature films and television!

Hamlisch's amazing ability to churn out hit after hit has been repeatedly recognized and decorated by the entertainment industry's most respected laurels. He won three Academy Awards and three Grammy Awards for "The Way We Were" (which starred Barbara Streisand and Robert Redford), and "The Sting" (Paul Newman and Robert Redford), plus a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for "A Chorus Line."

Among the numerous film scores he has written are "The Spy Who Loved Me," "Same Time Next Year,"

"Take the Money and Run," "Chapter Two," "Starting Over," "Ice Castles," "Ordinary People," "Sophie's Choice," and last year's "Three Men and a Cradle." Hamlisch's credits in the footlights include "A Chorus Line," "They're Playing Our Song," "Shirley MacLaine on Broadway," and "Smile." He's written theme music for ABC-TV's *Good Morning America* and CBS-TV's *The Morning Program*, and the list goes on.

It was at the age of five that Marvin Frederick Hamlisch, growing up in New York, first began playing the piano. By age seven, he was one of the youngest students accepted to the Juilliard School of Music. Piano lessons continued for 14 years, during which he wrote his first hit to top the Billboard charts, "Sunshine, Lollipops, and Rainbows," made famous by Leslie Gore.

For the Springfield Symphony Pops concert, Hamlisch will not only perform music from his award-winning scores, but from his medley of "Songs I Wish I'd Written" and the now-famous "Rent a Composer" segment, in which he composes songs on the spot for titles the audiences create. The Springfield Symphony Orchestra will also perform a set of various Pops music favorites.

Tickets for Saturday, April 15th, at 8:00 p.m. are priced from \$8-\$25, and for Sunday, April 16th, at 3:00 p.m. are \$6-\$25. They can be purchased at the Symphony Box Office, located on the mezzanine level of Baystate West in Springfield, or by calling (413) 733-2291. Group, senior, and student discounts are available.

These performances are funded in part by the National Endowment of the Arts and the Humanities.

First Church Of Christ Has Music Tuesday, April 18

First Church of Christ, Longmeadow, will be the host for Tuesday Morning Music Club's annual meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, April 18th.

Musical program presented by members Becky Isaacson, Elaine Szlosek, and Peter Beardsley will start at 10:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting and election of officers at 11:15 a.m. A luncheon will be served at 12:15 p.m.

Becky Isaacson is organist and director of Music at Trinity Methodist Church in Springfield. This well-known musician will play the following organ compositions:

"Fanfare" by John Cook; "Concerto in D Minor" by Johann Sebastian Bach; and "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" by Marcel Dupre.

Elaine Szlosek, flutist, was awarded a master's degree "with distinction" by New England Conservatory of Music and was first-prize winner in the James Pappouteakis flute competition. She is currently teaching flute privately and at the Community Music School of Springfield. Accompanied by Mrs. Isaacson, she will play "Sonata 1, G Major" by Michel Blavet; "Minuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits" from "Orfeo

ed Euridice" by Gluck; and "Fantaise" by George Hue.

Peter Beardsley A.A.G.O. has held the position of musical director and organist at Christ Church Cathedral since 1976. He has a master's of Music degree from Indiana University and has studied abroad as well. Bach's "A Minor Prelude and Fugue" will begin his performance, followed by "Toccata in F" by Widor; "Scherzo" by Kenneth Leighton and "Finale" on "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" by Andrew Clarke. Clarke is an area musician and friend of Beardsley.

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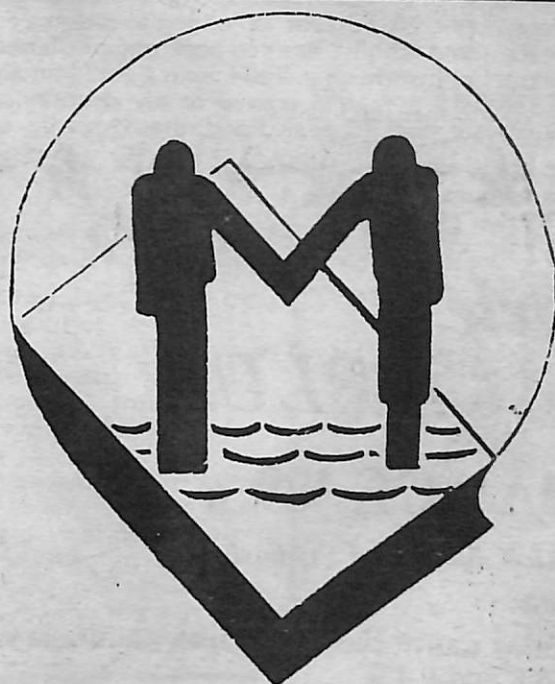
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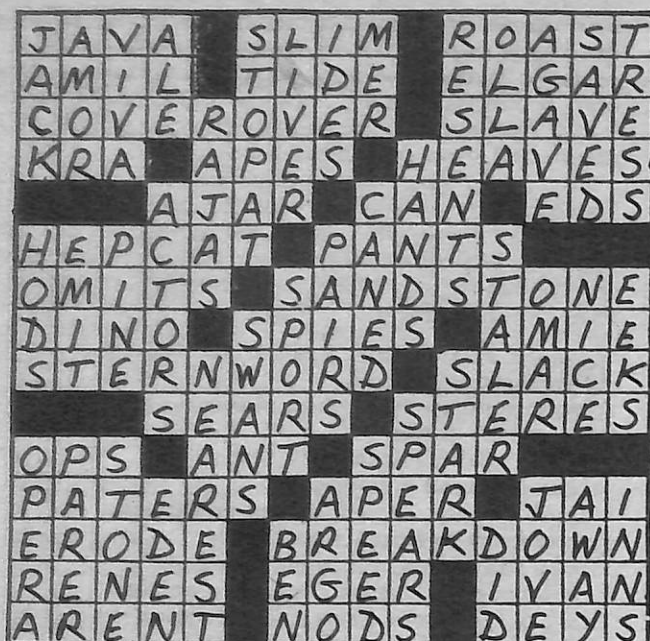
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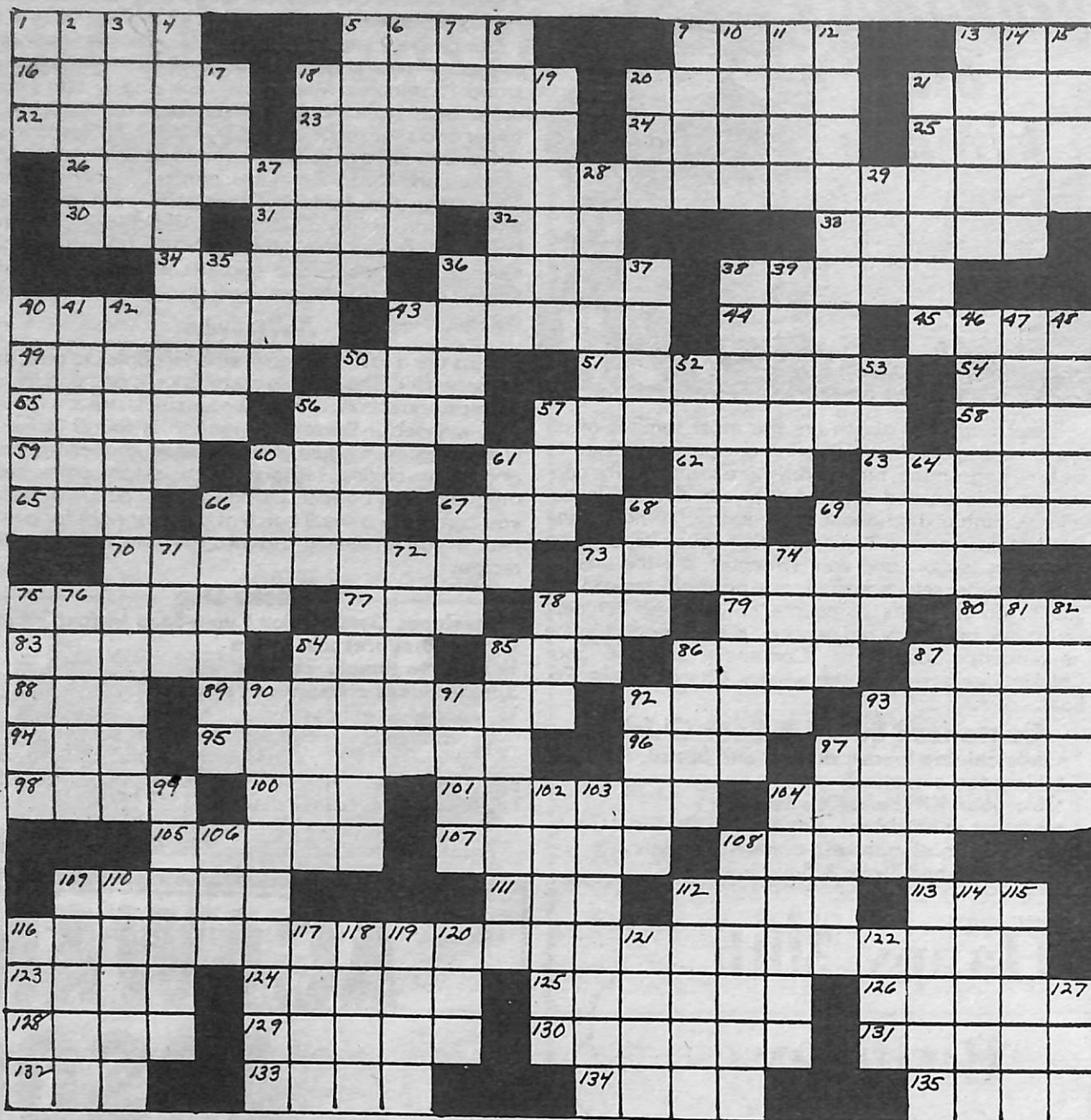
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- 1 can (11 ounce) mandarin orange segments
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- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound fresh snow peas
- 5 green onions and tops, cut diagonally into thin slices
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsalted roasted peanuts

Cut chicken into 1-inch pieces. Combine cornstarch, soy sauce, and ginger in small bowl; stir in chicken. Let stand 15 minutes. Meanwhile, reserving $\frac{1}{4}$ cup syrup, drain mandarin oranges. Blend reserved syrup with sweet and sour sauce; set aside. Heat 1 Tablespoon oil in hot wok or large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and stir-fry 2 minutes; remove. Heat remaining oil in same pan. Add snow peas; stir-fry 1 minute. Add green onion; stir-fry 30 seconds. Add chicken, peanuts and sweet & sour sauce mixture; cook and stir to coat chicken, vegetables and peanuts with sauce. Gently stir in mandarin oranges; heat through. Makes 4 servings.

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Fiesta Dip

- 2 envelopes Lipton Onion Cup-a-Soup Instant Soup
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pint (8 ounce) sour cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ medium tomato, chopped
- 3 tablespoons chopped green chilies
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon chili powder

In small bowl, blend instant onion soup mix with sour cream. Stir in tomato, chilies, and chili powder; chill. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes about 1 cup dip. NOTE: Recipe may be doubled.

From San Francisco to New York, one of today's hot-

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Here's a rainbow trout recipe that features fresh corn, tomatoes, cilantro, tortillas, and jalapeno pepper for a distinctive Southwestern flavor. A splash of cream and snow peas make it unique.

First the trout is quickly sauteed. Next, the vegetables are simmered for just a moment or two with a splash of cream. When done, the rainbow trout is topped with this almost-firey cream sauce and garnished with homemade tortilla chips for a festive meal that is ready in just minutes.

Rainbow Trout Santa Fe

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 Idaho rainbow trout fillets (4 ounces each)
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped green onion
- 1 small tomato, peeled, seeded and diced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fresh or frozen corn kernels
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup snow peas, cut in half, diagonally
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro or parsley
- 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons finely chopped jalapeno pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- Dash white pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup heavy cream
- Homemade or purchased flour or corn tortilla chips

Heat oil over medium-high heat in large skillet. Saute trout 1 to 2 minutes on each side until done; set aside. Melt butter over medium heat. Saute garlic and green onion, about $\frac{1}{2}$ minute. Add tomato and next 7 ingredients. Simmer about 2 or 3 minutes. Stir in cream; gently simmer about 1 minute more. Top trout with sauce. Serve immediately with tortilla chips.

Makes 2 to 4 servings. About 331 calories per 4 ounce serving.

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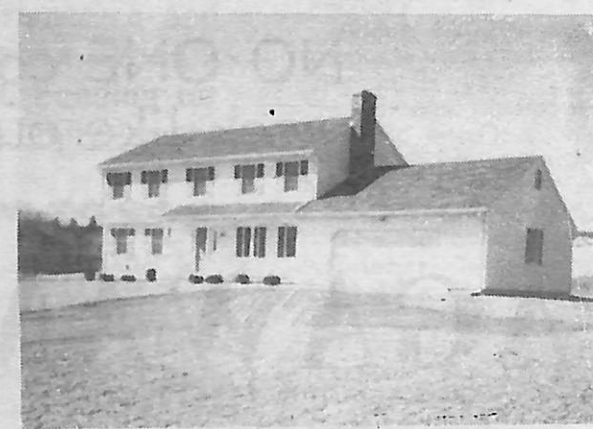
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Education



VISITING ARTIST JEFFREY KELLY (back row-right) is pictured with Middle School sixth grade teacher Phyllis Ferrari and Principal Ralph Zavarella last week. Students in photo are Kristin Michnovetz, Pat Arnold, and Marc Stellrecht. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Artists In Action" Appear At Middle School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Author Jeffrey Kelly returned to visit students, parents, and staff at Agawam Middle School last Monday evening, April 3rd.

In October Kelly worked with sixth grade students under the "Artists In Action" program to teach students how to use their personal experience as a vehicle for writing fiction.

Included in his many past teaching careers, Kelly said, "I used to teach sixth graders. I really enjoy working with this age group. I visit about 75 schools per year and get letters from all over the place."

He shared some of his mail with the audience and opened the way to another time to share one of his anecdotes from life's daily pleasures. He described the setting, vividly detailing the scene so that the audience could picture his kitchen with the window looking out onto his poorly-kept backyard.

He then related the adventure of a cat and mouse escapade to which he was witness. Somewhere, the fine line between reading a short story and Kelly's storytelling becomes intermingled.

Perhaps the answer can be found in the fact that Kelly keeps a journal of daily events and dreams. He encourages students to do the same. When he first met with sixth grade students as a group in October, he asked that students have three ideas of things that happened to them in their life to write about when he came to their rooms.

Sixth grade instructor Phyllis Ferrari, who organized and arranged for Kelly's workshops and visits, said, "He came to the individual rooms after he gave students the homework assignment with 10 suggestions. He helped them put personal experiences into actual writing. He related personal things from his journal and explained how he stored them away. Then

when it came time to write, he drew on those experiences.

Mr. Kelly told students that writing about something they were familiar with was the key to good writing. They did a lot of drafting and editing; working in groups they did more drafting and editing," she said.

Mrs. Ferrari hopes to bring Kelly back again to work with sixth grade classes again next year.

She noted, "This program was done through a grant from the Arts and Humanities and our PTO, and the kids were very receptive. He is very realistic and down to earth; and he is very flexible. He worked with six individual classes each day for three days during the second part of the program. In the classes he really drew the children out."

Mrs. Ferrari explained that the students' writings were put together from all classes and that sixth grade instructors selected three stories that best portrayed Kelly's teachings. These students read their stories to the audience and Kelly when he returned this month.

Kristin Michnovetz related "My Hairy Ape" about the time she had a broken arm. Patrick Arnold told about his adventure, "The Graveyard Spook," and Mark Stellrecht read "The Haunted House" that began with a water balloon war and ended in a ghostly search.

After the presentation, Kristin approached Kelly to ask how she could have improved her story. He told her, "You could have built up anticipation by using more detail," and gave her a few examples.

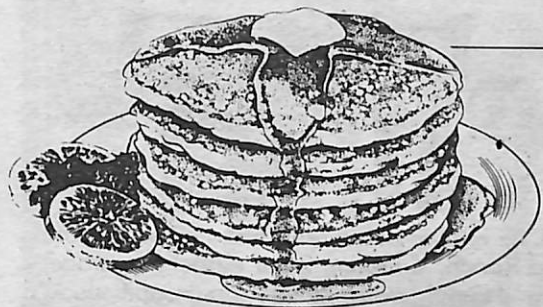
Kelly added, "I teach a course in creative writing where I stress insightfulness, hope, and use of the language."

In response to a question from an adult as to the origin of Kelly's interest in writing, he said, "My father inspired me as one of the all-time great storytellers. There were also many teachers along the way and reading good books."

NO ONE covers the Agawam School Dept. every week like our IRIS COPSON.

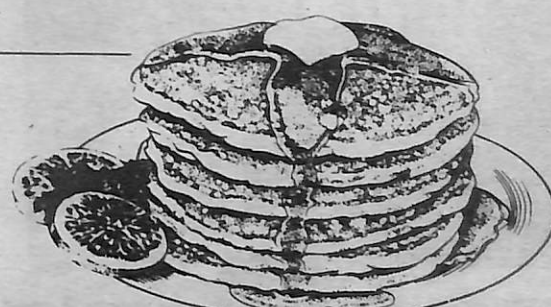
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Sculptor Visits Kids At Robinson Park For "Meet The Artists"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Robinson Park Elementary School students met with sculptor Skippy Gurau of Springfield to learn about modeling and sculpting. Art instructor Marjorie Sherman arranged the visit under the "Meet the Artists" program which is funded from the School Improvement Council monies.

Ms. Gurau said, "I was drawing for many years before I began sculpting 10 or 11 years ago. I work from a studio in Westport, Connecticut, and do a lot of work at the Jewish Nursing Home of Western Massachusetts, in Longmeadow."

She said that she enjoys sculpting older people and showed how she had captured one senior citizen who loved to dance. The base of the statue was an older turntable from an unused stereo.

Ms. Gurau told the children, "I planned to have her rotate around and around when I plugged in the record player and turned it on; she only completed a couple of turns before her weight burned out the motor of the base. I can still turn her around manually and admire her from every angle."

She explained to the youngsters that the most important part of sculpting was its engineering. "We have to find a way to keep it up and make it look good from all sides, and make it look very interesting. The engineering of sculpting is finding how to keep it standing and supported."

Students related to her query because they had just finished some sculpting work in their art classes with Mrs. Sherman. They responded to Ms. Gurau's question about tools for sculpting with, "your hands."

She added, "That's right. Yourself, your mind, and your hands are your best tools. I also use a caliper (an adjustable jaw instrument* to determine thickness, diameter and distance) to measure head and body proportion."

The average head from top to chin was usually one-seventh of the person's total height.

"I don't think with my intellect when I sculpt. I use my intuition, the third eye that we don't see. Two hours or so (at one sitting) is enough though on any one piece," she said. "I begin with people undressed first before the clothes are molded on so that I can get the total person right."

Ms. Gurau complimented the pupils on some of their work that she had observed displayed around the school. She told them they could use jute to make soft sculptures of macrame and many materials to make puppets. She said she had begun using modeling clay in 1981. "I do non-objective art and sculpting," she said. "I find it very relaxing and meditative."

NO ONE covers the Agawam Schools like us every week!!!



VISITING ARTIST SKIPPY GURAU of Springfield teaches Robinson Park students Mary Briancesco and Ryan White about clay modeling and sculpting during a "Visiting Artists" workshop at the school. Funding for the program was provided by the School Improvement Council. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine Slates 2nd Kids Triathlon

Organization of the Second Annual Triathla-Kids Triathlon is underway by S.T.A.R.T. Sportsmedicine and Physical Therapy and Health New England.

The triathlon is for kids ages seven to 15, and will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 26th and 27th, at Springfield College.

Application forms will be available in May at area bike and sports shops or through S.T.A.R.T. Further information is available by calling Lynn Wajert, race director, 788-6195.

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PAC Sets Meeting At Junior High

The Agawam Parents' Advisory Council (PAC) will be holding a meeting on Thursday, April 27th, at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria, at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Nancy Donnelly, M.Ed. Ms. Donnelly will discuss testing and how to judge programs for your child.

Ms. Donnelly is an independent evaluator. Her experience in developing student and program evaluations is extensive. She has served as an educational consultant for many area schools.

There will be a question and answer period at the end of the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Any questions concerning this meeting can be addressed to Michelle Dunn, 786-9397.

Two Residents Get Degrees At UMass

More than 900 students received undergraduate degrees from the University of Massachusetts in February.

About 4,200 students graduate from the University each year. Commencement ceremonies are held once a year in May. Degrees are awarded in September and February.

The following local students received bachelor's degrees this spring:

From Agawam: Deborah Ruth Dugan-Birk, 450 Silver Street, bachelor of arts in Individual Concn.

From Feeding Hills: Kathryn R. Lester, 59 Morningside Circle, bachelor of science in Food - Natural Res.

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"Miss Agawam Pageant" - March 31, 1989



JUNIOR DIVISION PARTICIPANTS of the "Miss Agawam Pageant" - from left - Tricia Parentella, Heidy Rydell, Mary Parrotta, Lisa Parolo, Jill Osowski, Elisa Newman, Juliette Harris, Holly Drobot, and Christine Chase. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ELISA NEWMAN - Junior Division winner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TEEN DIVISION PARTICIPANTS for "Miss Agawam," from left - Lisa Unugar, Jennifer Schuster, Sarah Patnode, Kelli Parker, Beth Lacienski, Deanna Knodler, Rebecca Jones, and Tracey Hayes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DEANNA KNODLER - Teen Division winner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COMPETING FOR MISS AGAWAM, from left - Melissa Parentella, Andrea Parent, Susan Lovely, Christina Chiaro, and Jennifer Bonavita. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SUSAN LOVELY - Miss Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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	87 Tempo LX 11,000 miles AT/PS/PB/AC	\$6,395	89-164
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Former AHS Teacher Set For 47-Day Hike Across US On Bike

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Karen Fitzgerald, a Feeding Hills resident and former Physical Education instructor from Agawam High School and Middle School, will soon be leaving on a 47-day cross-country "TransAmerica Bicycle Trek" for the American Lung Association.

After seven years as a Physical Education instructor in Agawam, Karen now coaches field hockey, lacrosse, and basketball at Elms College. "I also teach some skills classes. My husband, Joe Fitzgerald, is presently a history teacher at AHS. He has been very supportive about my training for this cross-country trip. I have a wind trainer set up in our home so I can still bike on bad days," she said.

"I have done some other bike trips. Last May I went from Springfield to Boston for the 1988 Olympic Team and last fall I rode 100 miles in Central Massachusetts for Multiple Sclerosis," said Karen.

She added, "This is the third year the American Lung Association has done this type of fundraising. Each 'trekker' has to raise \$5,000. People have been very supportive of me and the American Lung Association. They will usually sponsor by the mile—seven cents per mile is a \$25 donation and one cent per mile is a \$34 donation."

Checks should be made payable to the American Lung Association and mailed to: Karen Fitzgerald, Elms College, 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA, 01013.

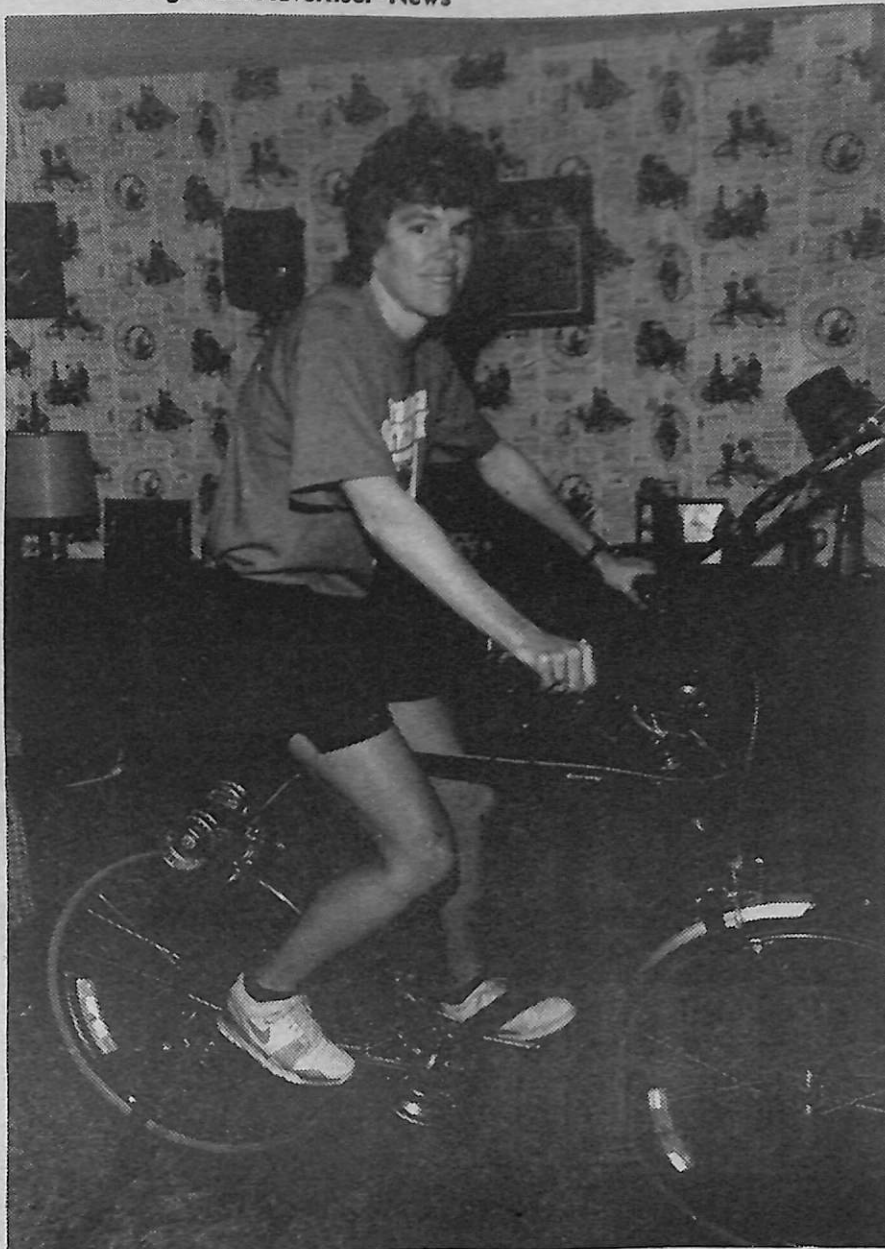
The tax deductible donation for Karen's bicycle trip across the United States will be put into the local Western Massachusetts Division of the American Lung Association. "Help will be for environmental programs, quality of life, medical research for asthma, lung disease (preventative), and those who wish to quit smoking," she said.

Karen will begin her trip with the other trekkers from Seattle, Washington on June 5th. "The shortest day will be travelling through the Rockies when we will do 52 miles, and the longest will be 107 miles through North Dakota where it's pretty flat. We will average between 60 and 70 miles per day. The total mileage is 3,357," said Karen.

"I have received a handbook about the training and things you need to be doing to prepare for the trip. There is a group organization that will provide us with breakfast and dinner, and they will carry our equipment so that we will not have to ride with backpacks," she said. "We will receive a map each day about our destination for that day and then, basically, we are on our own to get there. There is a support staff for any problems," she added.

"We will sometimes use high school gyms and churches during bad weather, but mostly we will be camping on high school fields and campgrounds. We will be toughing it," chortled the 35 year-old.

On a more somber note, she concluded, "I hope to be able to send out postcards across the route to let people know how much we appreciate their donations."



FORMER AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Physical Education instructor Karen Fitzgerald, now a varsity coach at Elms College, will be leaving for a 47-day cross-country bike trip for the American Lung Association on June 5th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kid's Place Hops For Easter Seals

Youngsters from the Kid's Place in West Springfield, Springfield, Westfield, Holyoke, and Feeding Hills hopped to help people with disabilities recently, in a combined effort, and raised \$2,639 in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING.

The children spent one week learning about disabilities—what causes them, how disabilities effect people's everyday lives and the equipment used to cope. After that they were ready to help.

Each child secured pledges from family and friends for every hop performed during a three-minute HOP-N-ING. The funds raised help provide local Easter Seal programs and services for men, women, and children with physical disabilities.

Easter Seal services include: summer camp, therapeutic swim programs, home health care, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, support groups for people recovering from strokes, and information and referral services.

Last year more than 8,000 children across Massachusetts learned about disabilities and hopped for Easter Seals, raising \$170,000. The HOP-N-ING is sponsored by Zayre.

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Memorial Committee Hits Town's Schools

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Saturday, May 27th, the Agawam Veteran's Memorial will be officially erected during "Dedication Day." Veteran Agent Ruth Bitzas and members of the Memorial Committee visited Agawam Junior High students on Friday, March 31st, to invite them to participate in an Essay Contest for "Dedication Day."

Agawam Middle School students will be invited to partake in a poster contest for "Dedication Day." Chairwoman of the Poster and Essay Contest, Rita Shea said, "The theme will be 'Let Freedom Ring.' All the schools have received a letter about the contests. Contributions must be submitted at each school by April 24th. Judging will take place at the VFW's Ladies Auxiliary meeting on Thursday, May 4th. The essay should be written in black ink and should not exceed 250 words," added Mrs. Shea, who is president of the VFW's Ladies Auxiliary.

The Memorial Committee will present prizes of \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place winners.

Winners will read their essay at the Memorial Day Dedication Ceremonies following the parade and they must be present in order to receive the prize.

The parade will begin at 10:45 a.m. from Southworth Paper Company on Main Street this year.

The Town Council appointed a committee to erecting the Agawam Veteran's Memorial and member Mrs. Bitzas said, "Andrew C. Gallano was our chairman. This was his last major project for the Town of Agawam before he died. Other members of the committee are Frederick Nardi, Mario DeLucchi, Samuel Provo, Sr., and Walter Kerr."

She showed students a poster of the new Agawam Veteran's Memorial and explained the significance of the bell. The bell weighs approximately 350 pounds and is from the top of Kathryn Danahy School. "The bell was used to summon children to school since the year 1900," she said.

"It is being refurbished and bronzed by Paul Galaska of Heritage Sales in Agawam. Harold Davis, a finish carpenter from Feeding Hills, is applying an exact replica of the original design of the cupola. All services have been donated in remembrance of Agawam veterans. The Town of Agawam is coming together as a community to honor all veterans living and dead with its first War Memorial."

She also told students the Phelps School location was chosen after a suggestion by a veteran, and that the memorial will stand almost 15 feet high and will be illuminated.

American Legion member Pauline Brown and VFW member Gladys Belcher also spoke with the students and showed them many war artifacts. They said that they would be happy to give the presentation at any of the elementary schools. If schools are interested, they may contact Ruth Bitzas at the annex at Town Hall in the Veterans Department.

Listed on the Memorial will be the soldiers, sailors, marines and national guardsmen who died in service for our country during World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam era for the cause of freedom.

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Granger School Collecting For Open Pantry



THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY at Granger School were recently collecting food for the Open Pantry of West Springfield. Above, from left - Joe Dyer, Adam Loizzo, Patricia Serra, Brian Gallagher, and Diane Crowell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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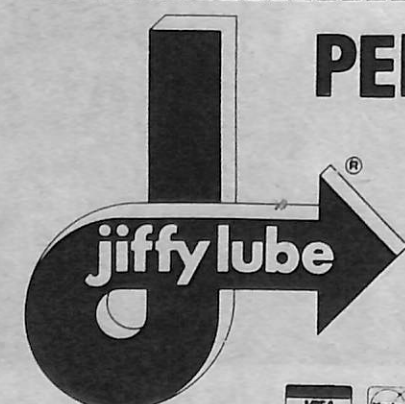
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Henry A. Kozloski Selected For NASA Workshop

Henry A. Kozloski of Agawam has been selected to be a participant in a NASA Educational Workshop for Math and Science teachers.

A science teacher at West Springfield High School, Kozloski has been assigned to Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, for a two-week workshop in June that will explore recent developments in the U.S. aerospace program. Seminars, to be conducted by NASA scientists and engineers, will cover such topics as the Space Station and Interplanetary Exploration.

NASA has developed such workshops for secondary school teachers in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association.

Kozloski is chairman of the Agawam Conservation Commission.



ON MARCH 6TH, Ann-Marie's Dance Place Plus entered tap and jazz dancers in the American Dance Spectrum in Hartford. The jazz dancers performed to "1-2-3-4" and won third place. Next, three of AnnMarie's tap dancers performed to "Rockin Robin" and won second place in the intermediate tap division. Both groups will be performing at area malls and nursing homes throughout the spring. PICTURED IN TOP PHOTO, back row - Danielle DiStefano, Megan Langevin, Lyndsay White, Kirsten Johannessen, Caroline Cuccia. Front row - Tara Bowler, Amy Bronson, and Heidi Hersey. AT LEFT: Jennifer Stratton, Amy Bronson, and Leslie Kida.

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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, April 17th to Friday, April 21st: School Vacation.

Monday, April 24th: Pepperoni pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, April 25th: Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, buttered niblet corn, spiced applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

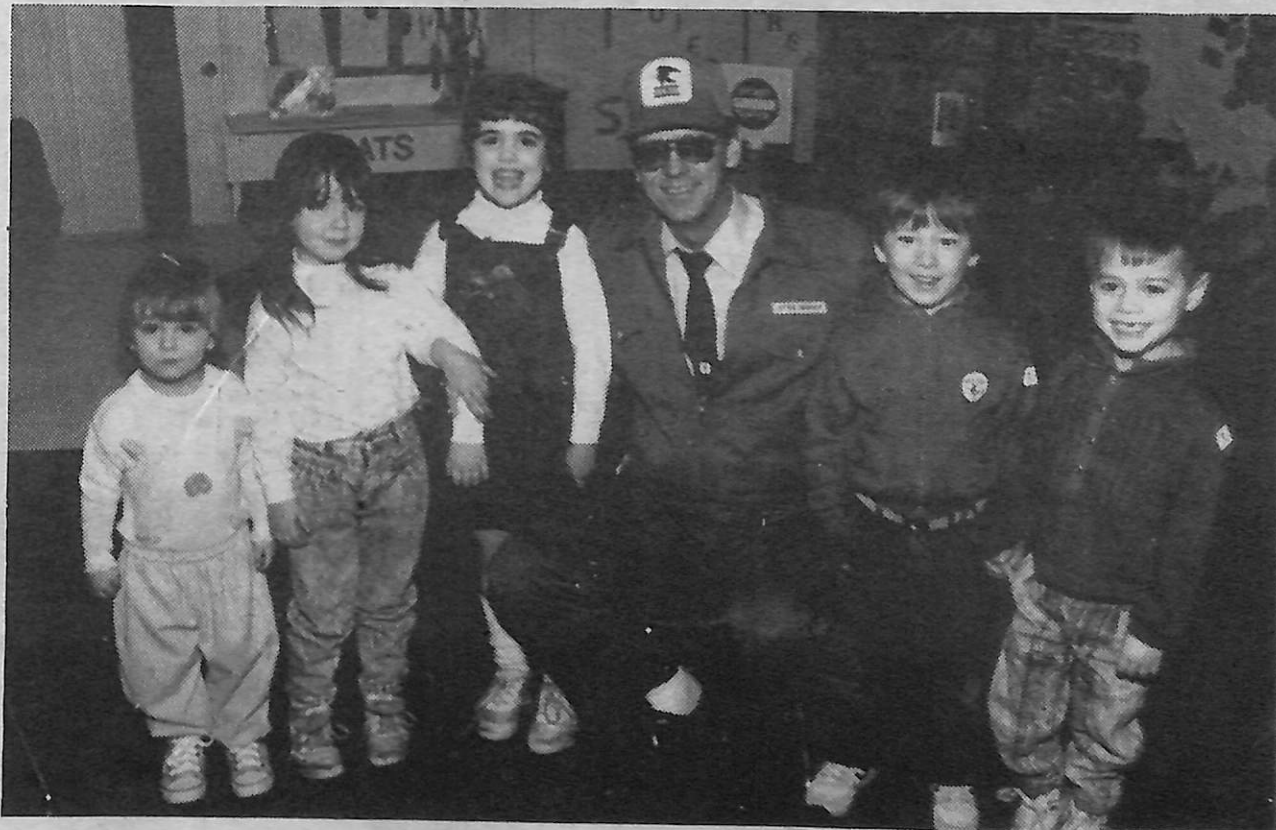
Wednesday, April 26th: Spaghetti with meatsauce, broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, raspberry jello with topping, or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, April 27th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, potato puffs, fruit cup or chocolate fudge cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Friday, April 28th: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, seasoned diced carrots, wheat bread and butter, ice cream, milk.

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Mailman Delivers To Bambi Nursery School



BAMBI NURSERY SCHOOL of Agawam received a visit from Postman Bernie Paine (Agawam resident) to tell the children that mailmen are their friends. From left - Megan Doney, Alex Gooch, Leslie MacKay, Nathan Skiba, and John Tisdell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Students Receive Barr Fellowship Awards

The Executive Secretary of The Horace Smith Fund announced today \$62,000 in Barr Fellowships will be distributed to Hampden County residents for the 1989-90 school year.

Dr. William D. Tunis, chairman of the Fellowship Committee, informs us that \$25,000 will be awarded to 10 new recipients and an additional \$37,000 will be distributed to 17 previous winners who are still in graduate programs.

The 1989 winners from Agawam are Steven H. Jury, Lena M. Kozloski, Maria C. Kozloski, Lena's sister, and Edward F. Malachowski.

Steven H. Jury is a graduate of The University of New Hampshire. He graduated from Agawam High School and will earn a master's degree in Ecology from either the University of Connecticut or Pennsylvania State.

Lena M. Kozloski graduated from Agawam High and attended Fairfield University and Boston College where she received her bachelor's degree. She is a graduate student at Rensselaer where she is studying Architecture.

Maria C. Kozloski received her bachelor's degree from M.I.T. and has enrolled at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, where she will earn an M.B.A. She graduated from Agawam High School.

Edward F. Malachowski who spent his high school days at Cathedral will graduate from Syracuse University in May. He will start his graduate work at the University of Michigan in September where he will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is the son of Edward & Joan Malachowski of Agawam.

Horace Smith Fund Announces Loan Applications Available

The Trustees of The Horace Smith Fund announced today the availability of undergraduate college loans for graduates of Hampden County secondary schools.

According to a bequest made by the late Horace Smith, a co-founder of Smith & Wesson, loans are made to worthy, sincere students with necessary potential whose financial resources might restrict college attendance. The Fund, established in 1899, is a private non-profit corporation.

For the current academic year over \$320,500 in Smith Fund loans were made to 179 eligible students.

The loan applications will be available in early April. High school seniors should get them from their guidance office and college students can get them from any of the branches of the Springfield Institution for Savings. If they are unable to receive one, they can call The Horace Smith Fund office at 739-4222 between the hours of 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Application deadline dates are June 15th for students presently attending college, and July 1st for graduating high school seniors.

Middle School Guidance News

by Ellen Freeman & Thomas Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselors

This month the sixth grade students will be participating in a drug abuse prevention program known as "Get Smart, Don't Start." The counselors wish to thank the Agawam Rotary Club for sponsoring the program. This program will complement the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes in which the fifth graders participate.

As part of the "Get Smart, Don't Start" program, the sixth grade science teachers will show a video and present other material related to substance abuse. In addition, the students will participate in an essay contest in which savings bonds are offered as prizes by the Rotary Club. The counselors wish to thank the sixth grade science teachers, Janice DeFilipi, Anne Mahoney, Mary Lou Sgueglia, and Emmet Morrill, for their participation in the program along with the Rotary Club.

In the area of study skills, Mr. Dacey, the fifth grade counselor, is in the process of visiting each class to show a video on test-taking techniques and to discuss related materials with the students. The students are gaining new insights into such things as outlining, memory techniques and other methods of reviewing for tests. Mrs. Freeman, the sixth grade counselor, presented a video on study skills to the sixth graders earlier in the year.

The counselors wish parents to know that report cards for the third marking period at the Middle School will be issued on or about April 14th. As they have in the past, the counselors invite parents to contact the guidance office if they see signs of poor academic progress on their child's report card. Since the school year is nearing its end, the counselors urge parents to monitor their child's progress carefully.

Donna Albano Named To Dean's List At U Of Hartford

One hundred twenty-eight full-time students at the College of Arts & Sciences, University of Hartford, have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester for the 1988-89 academic year.

From Agawam was Donna Albano.

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Science Museum Extends Hours For School Vacation

The Springfield Science Museum will open two hours early at 10:00 a.m., during school vacation week, Tuesday, April 18th through Saturday, April 22nd. Tuesday through Friday at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., there will be free live snake demonstrations featuring Missy, a nine-foot long boa constrictor, and Regis, a five-foot long Florida kingsnake.

The planetarium program **Spring Sky** will be shown Tuesday to Friday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and **Astrology: Fact or Fiction?** will be shown at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Planetarium tickets are \$2 for adults, and \$1 for children. Children under six are not admitted to the planetarium.

Children celebrating a week off from school will also enjoy the Exploration Center, a hands-on area with natural history and physical science exhibits for the whole family.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization. Admission is free. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Vacation week hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. For information, call the museum, 733-1194.

Cheerleading Sign-Ups Set For Junior Football League

Cheerleading sign-ups for the new Junior Football League will be held Thursday, April 13th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Agawam Junior High School.

Ages are fifth and sixth grade, Division I; seventh and eighth grade, Division II.

Depending on the number of girls signing-up, a try-out may be necessary. All costs for required uniforms and shoes will be the responsibility of parents and/or fundraising.

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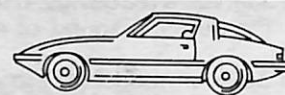
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Sullivan Committee Asks School Kids To Support Statue

Annie Goes To Alabama

by Carolyn Mosher

Mansion Woods Drive - Agawam

Once upon a time, a long time ago in the State of Alabama, which you all know is in the southern part of this country, a beautiful baby girl was born.

Early in this baby's life, a terrible tragedy occurred. She became violently ill, almost unto death. Her fever raged for days. When she finally recovered, she was deaf, blind, and unable to speak.

Now anyone of these troubles was terrible but to have all three was almost unbearable. The father and mother loved their little girl and they realized she was coming of school age.

Helen, for that was her name, could not hear, speak, or see those around her. She didn't know how to wash her hands, eat her food, or dress herself. She was like a small puppy. Helen was like a piece of wood.

When she got hungry or cold or was afraid, all she could do was misbehave. She threw herself onto the floor, she bit people, she kicked, and she threw things. She was in despair. But how to train her? No one could know the fear that Helen felt inside; she couldn't speak to tell anyone; she couldn't see to point things out; she couldn't hear to learn words to express her needs. Her parents were also in despair.

A young woman living in Feeding Hills was brought to the attention of Helen's mother and father, and when Mr. & Mrs. Keller met and talked with Annie Sullivan of Feeding Hills, they decided to hire her as a companion and nursemaid for their daughter.

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She worked so hard and so long that she lit a tiny light in the long, dark tunnel of Helen Keller's despair. This light would grow to be a flame for the whole world. Helen Keller became through all her life, because of Annie Sullivan's teachings, a beacon to the blind, a voice for the dumb, a sound of music for the deaf.

Because Annie Sullivan made such a difference in the lives of so many through her work with one small child we seek to honor and commemorate her life by raising in Feeding Hills this statue called "Water," Helen's first word. We need your help. We ask you to do whatever you can to make another "miracle" come true.

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CLARK SCHOOL CANDY CHAIRWOMAN Lynn O'Brien (back-left) was proud of the success of the sale as well as the three students who were tops in sales - Jill Pavelcsyk, Erin Cocchi, and Daniel Vinton. Also in photo were Amy Ringuette (behind Erin) and Donald Vinton (Daniel's father). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Sports

AHS Softball Should Continue Banner Run By Girls' Sports In 1988-89

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Talent and experience. Those two words come to mind whenever you think about the 1989 Agawam High School girls' softball team. They can hit. They can run. And they have good defense, too.

If you combine these factors with seven returning players, you can understand why second-year coach Sharon Flagg is so anxious to hear the words "Play Ball."

Ms. Flagg, who guided the Brownies to a 12-5 record last year (good enough for third in the Valley Wheel) and a slot in the Western Mass. quarterfinals, predicts the Brownies will equal if not surpass their accomplishments of 1988.

"It will take us a few games to get things straight. The weather set us back because we weren't able to get outside. Once we get going, we'll be more than competitive because we have so much talent," says Ms. Flagg.

The loss of three seniors who played big roles in last year's success will be a detriment, but the Brownies do have more than capable replacements. Gone from the ranks are Becki Runshaw, Denise Porth, and Tina Book, all important cogs in the 1988 Brownies.

Runshaw at first base and Porth at shortstop anchored the infield, while Book was a mainstay on the hill. Her arm will definitely be missed.

The seven returning veterans to this year's lineup include senior co-captains Shelly Morris and Cindy Jochim. The other returners are juniors Karen Patterson, Alana Graham, Sue Jakuboski, Carol Quink, and Chris Quink.

Morris, one of the keys to the field hockey team's success last fall, will roam centerfield for AHS. She has the wheels to run down many balls, and also carries a big stick on offense.

Jochim, another field hockey standout, will cover second base. She is a strong defensive player who will anchor this year's infield. She is one of the team's better two-way players and will be batting fifth in the lineup.

Patterson, a soccer and basketball star at the school, will be moving from rightfield to assume the shortstop

slot vacated by Porth's graduation. She is an all-around athlete who produces no matter what the sport. And her trademark is speed to burn.

Patterson is the leadoff hitter and will try to set the table with good hitting and driving the opposition crazy with her baserunning.

Graham will be the heart of the locals' pitching staff. She's the ace of a two-girl staff and will start more than half of this season's contests, according to Ms. Flagg. She has the potential to be one of the best pitchers in all of Western Mass., says Miss Flagg.

Jakuboski will start at third. She has a solid bat and good glove, which is her most important tool in helping AHS in the Valley Wheel in 1989.

Carol Quink is moving to rightfield this year. She's a strong defensive player who is one of the team's smaller girls. Because of her size, she can get on base often by walks, which means she can score a bundle of runs.

Chris Quink returns as the Brownies catcher. A strong defensive receiver, Quink's play behind the plate will more than make-up for her average bat.

The new faces around the diamond are juniors Sue Cicchetti, Lori Tietze, Alyson Manning, and sophomore Molly Moriarty.

Cicchetti is the new first baseman. She's a lefty who "has a good feel for the game," according to Miss Flagg. Tietze will back-up Jochim at first base and will probably see some time in the outfield.

Manning will back-up Graham on the mound. However, leftfield will be hers as will the sixth spot in the batting order at presstime.

Moriarty is the team's only switch-hitter. She can bunt and run, and can play many positions in the infield. "Molly is the kind of player who can be used anywhere we need her. Even if she's not familiar with a position I can put her in there and she'll figure it out very quickly."

One downside the Brownies have this season is depth, so Ms. Flagg is keeping her fingers crossed that no one goes down with an injury.

On Track, Brownies Have Better '89 Set For Girls' Varsity

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

An abundance of sprinters and field-event personnel is what first year coach Jeff Reece hopes will carry his Agawam High girls' track team into Western Mass. prominence in 1989.

Reece, a 1988 AHS graduate, who was a three-sport standout at the school (football, basketball, and track), hopes his competitive fires and drive will help the girls return from the depths of a 2-6 record posted in 1988.

And Reece has had plenty of time to review his charges - the Brownies open the season on Friday, April 21st, vs. West Springfield (away). In fact, the locals don't have a home meet until Minnechaug Regional comes to town on May 5th.

The bottom line on the squad centers around a group of talented, spirited, and team-oriented seniors - Kim Zielinski, Missy Danio, Christina Morassi, as well as sophomore standout Maria Losito.

Zielinski, who was second in Western Mass. last year again figures to be one of the top point-getters for the Brownies. She competes in the 100 and 200-meter runs, the long and triple jumps, and the 400 relay.

Danio, who spent the soccer season in goal, will be throwing the shot put and javelin for the Brownies. Last season she placed second in WM in the shot event.

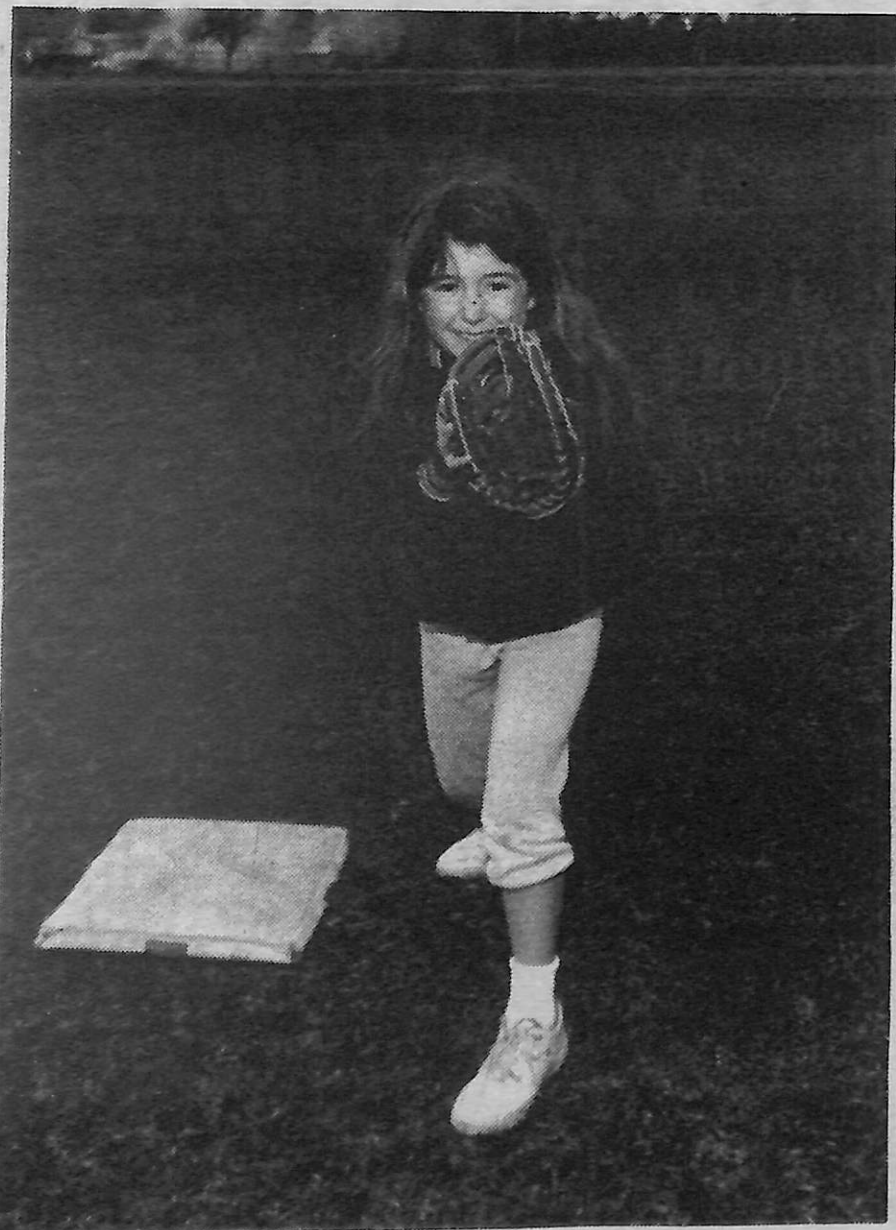
Losito, a sophomore, is one of the school's top gymnasts. She placed fourth in the 100-meter dash as a frosh in WM. Her events will be the 100, 200, and long jump.

Morassi will compete in the 100 high hurdles, the 400 relay, and the discus.

Elizabeth Korza, Kristen Wage, Tammy Rocca, Kim Hodges, and Megan McDade are the seniors on the squad. Korza and Wage, both gymnasts for the school, will compete in the shot put, long jump, triple jump, and 400. Hodges is a discus thrower and McDade runs the 100 and 400.

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AAA Girls Of Summer Enjoy Saturday Tryouts



SHOWING SHE HAS A GOOD GLOVEHAND, Heather Archangeletti waits her turn to catch the softball at tryouts held by the Agawam Athletic Association last Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



WITH MANNY POULOS looking on, Shannon Webster, 8, is about to take a mighty swing during tryouts held by the Agawam Athletic Association at Harmon Smith Field last Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownies' Boys' Tennis Bows In Opener; Dean Hopes To Surpass .500

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

After a disappointing 6-8 season in 1988, the Agawam High boys' tennis team didn't start the 1989 slate the way it had hoped.

On Monday, April 10th, the Brownies dropped their seasonal opener to Westfield High, 4-1, on a cold and windy day at the always-windy AHS tennis courts.

Number one singles David Dean fell to Brian Clifford, 2-6, 3-6; number two Andy Allen beat Scott Bullock with ease, 6-0, 6-3 (for the lone AHS point of the day); but number three singles Eddie Hastings lost a close call to Peter Gonzales, 5-7, 3-6.

The Brownies' two doubles teams also fell. Martino Santaniello and Alan Porowski were defeated by Rob Whitehouse and Steve Mitchell, 1-6, 4-6.

Mark Calvanese and Hans Mueller lost to Jeremy Tease and John Galanek, 1-6, 4-6.

All of the players who participated in Monday's match vs. Westfield are returnees, as are Mike Williams and Matt Marcinkiewicz (both seniors).

Newcomers to the club this year are seniors Daryl Buley and Shawn Lane; junior, Bill Park; and freshmen Brian Arsenault, Tony Spangenberg, Andy Turcotte, and Mark Radtke.

Coach Ken Dean believes his team will get better as the season wears on. "Although we didn't get off to a good start, this team is much more experienced than last year. This should be in our favor."

David Dean, the coach's son, will be the school's top gun this year as first singles. He's a baseliner who has shown much improvement since last summer, according to Dean.

Andy Allen should be a very consistent second singles player for AHS in 1989, as this opening match victory proved. He's another baseliner.

Serve and volleyer Eddie Hastings is the team's "best singles player at the net," according to Dean. "Eddie has a very good overhead smash and plays the net very well. He likes it at the net but must improve on his ground strokes to set-up his good net play," said Dean.

Santaniello and Porowski have been playing doubles together for several seasons, and their comradery and competitive spirit shows on the court. They like to play

aggressively which often makes for exciting but sometimes erratic tennis.

Mueller and Calvanese saw little action together last year. Mueller is much improved and can play the net well. Calvanese, at 6-2, is intimidating when his frame patrols the net, but this team needs experience.

At presstime, Park was getting a shot at third singles on Thursday when the Brownies face Ludlow (April 13th).

Lane and Williams show promise as a doubles tandem. Dean hopes the Brownies can improve and surpass their .500 mark in 1989, and says East Longmeadow and Holyoke will prove very tough tests.

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AHS Golfers Should Improve On Links

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Coach Paul Bachini returns to the links with a group of Agawam High golfers who are determined to improve on last year's 5-5 record.

At presstime the Brownies were scheduled to open their 1989 schoolboy golf season on Wednesday, April 12th, vs. West Springfield, and on Thursday, April 13th, vs. Westfield.

Back for his eighth season, Bachini is optimistic about the spring campaign. "We've got a very competitive team. All our matches will be close. I think we have a good mix of consistency in our lineup."

"Our top three golfers are very strong and the others are close behind them. If they all play to their level, we should do well," adds Bachini.

What he really means is that this team has plenty of depth, which can be the determining factor if a match is very close.

Returning veterans Bob Bruno and John Wilkie (both seniors), senior newcomer George Corgan, sophomore newcomer Keith O'Connell, and juniors Victor Bruno and Mike Wright will be the bunch that carries the Brownies' banner vs. the opposition's top golfers.

Seniors Erich Fogg and Mark Romeo are also hoping to secure spots in the team's first six golfers, and newcomers Joe Modzelewski (junior), and freshmen Brett Gearing and Kevin Fleury are also considered good prospects.

Even though Bachini expects his top three golfers - Wilkie, Corgan, and Bob Bruno to score well and often for AHS, he says that if the depth factor comes into play as he expects, the Brownies' designs on the team tournament can be a reality.

"All the players, from number one through number six are equally important to our success this year,"

says Bachini. Wilkie, Corgan, and Bruno are all good golfers and will more than hold their own."

Bob Bruno is considered a consistent player "who hits down the middle, puts it on the green, and sinks his putts," states Bachini.

Corgan, a senior newcomer, was a baseball player for the Brownies last spring. He gave up the diamond for the links, and so far, Bachini likes what he sees as Corgan has broken into the lineup.

Wilkie is probably the straightest hitter on the squad who gets great distance off the tee.

Bachini projects scores in the high 30's to low 40's on a regular basis from these three linkers for nine holes.

Victor Bruno and Mike Wright are the early-season linksters who will rotate in the number four and five slots. Both are steady and are just a notch or two behind the top three. "These guys will definitely help us in many matches this year," says Bachini.

In the number six slot as the regular season opens is Kevin O'Connell. He's a new face who has shown lots of talent and promise, according to Bachini. "Kevin has shown us some great golf in practice. Now he just needs match experience under this belt and watch him go."

The Brownies' main weakness this year is the inexperience of the newcomers, but these same new faces give them badly needed depth to complement the team's more experienced golfers.

"All we need is consistency," adds Bachini. "If we get that, this season will be a very fine one for us."

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Juniors on the squad are Dawn Mathews, Jennifer Aldridge, Missy Rinaldi, and Tara Vivencia. Mathews runs the 100 and 200 in addition to the long jump and shot put. Aldridge is a distance specialist (mile and two-mile). Rinaldi is a high jumper who runs the mile and the 800. Vivencia runs the mile as well.

Shannon Bielitz is a middle distance performer for the Brownies. Rebecca Bryant competes the 100 and 300 hurdles as well as the high jump and triple jump. Heather Von Hollander does the mile and discus. Sarah Fogg competes in the 100 and 300 hurdles. and

triple jump.

Reece has a strong freshman turnout this year, which gives him the impression that the building blocks for the future will be in place. "The freshmen we have a lot of raw talent. If they all stick with it, Agawam could be a girls' track power in a few years," says Reece.

The frosh contingent includes Karen Book, Kris Bronson, Erin Brown, Kerri Caritij, Traci DiMascola, Jennifer Easton, Kathy Hill, Jennifer Lomelino, Sheila Martin, Silvana Manes, Katie McCarthy, Kim Narewicz, Melissa Parentela, Shannon Scarlet, and Heather Wynne.



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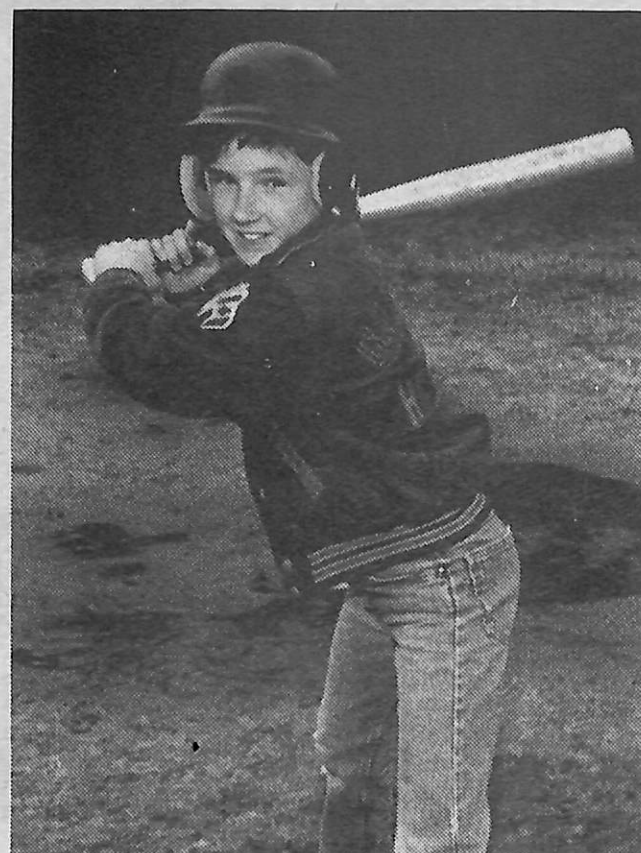
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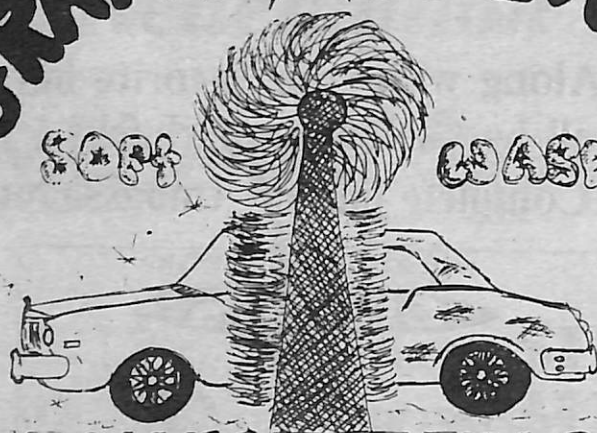
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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Here Come The Salmon!

Mark Tisa, who is coordinator of the Anadromous Fish Restoration Program (Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife), has put out the word that efforts are underway to establish a reproducing population and recreational fishery for Atlantic Salmon in the Westfield River system.

On Tuesday, April 11th, at 2:00 p.m., 20,000 salmon parr (young salmon) were placed in the river behind the Tekoa Golf Course on Rte. 20. The program calls for 300,000 in 1990 and 500,000 in 1991. The program is being accelerated to establish an active population by mid 1990's.

Theoretically, the parr will survive and grow to a length that will put them into the smolt class. The smolt will, by this time of growth, be imprinted to the chemical make-up of the river, and will start a journey to the sea. They will "Flip-Flop" over the Agawam Dam located just above Premoid, Inc., and continue to

Kunasek Promising Great Season Of Greyhound Racing

Lil Lethea, a greyhound owned by Jack Kunasek of Agawam, racing for the Ric Collins Kennel figures to be a strong factor for the track championship at the Key West Kennel Club in Key West, Florida.

At the present time, this three year-old female is the second leading money finisher at the Key West Club with a record of 25-5-14-4.

In her last outing, Lil Lethea was beaten in a photo finish by the current track champion.

Jack also has other greyhounds running at Key West, Sanford/Orlando, and Seminole Kennel Club. Jack's dogs, which now number 22, are trained at Dixon's Greyhound Farm in Ocala, Florida, one of the most advanced training facilities in the country.

Jack stated, "I have been in the greyhound business since 1982 and find it exciting and interesting. In 1986, I formed my own kennel (Jack's Greyhound Kennel) and it is registered with the National Greyhound Association. The kennel now races, breeds, and sells greyhound pups."

For glossy copies of photos in this issue, townsfolk should call Jack Devine at home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, leave a message.

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the sea where they will feed, swim, and carouse for two to three years.

The urge to spawn will overtake them and they will return to the Westfield River. Then catch 22 is established. The pool at the bottom of the dam will be teeming with salmon that have no place to go.

I have witnessed the most disgusting sight a fisherman will ever see in a lifetime. The ethnic group from Springfield and vicinity crowd around the pool and club, net and hit shad with rocks and whatever during the shad run. The police shackle the poachers out, and when the police leave they are right back there.

They are not arrested for the courts feel their crime is minor and should not take up the time of the judge (sickening but true).

My point is: What about the salmon that are going to return to the bottom of the dam? Are they going to get the same treatment? Tisa feels that the towns along the river should show a united front. The license for the Agawam Dam is coming up for renewal, probably in 1992. Since licensing begins a few years prior, he felt we had an excellent chance of mitigating a fish passage.

I feel, as do many others, that the companies using the river in their manufacturing have profited handsomely in the past and they should feel obligated to

return some of it in constructing a fish passage.

In order for the passage to become a reality, it has to have grassroots political support. I believe that federal monies are available for such projects; if not, tax incentives most likely are.

Dr. James W. Phillips, Biology Department, Westfield State College, is very interested in the project and is contacting the towns along the river.

Spring Turkey Begins May 3rd

Connecticut's ninth spring wild turkey hunting season will begin May 3rd and run through May 23rd, 1989.

The estimated statewide population is 6,000 birds with the highest densities reported in Northwestern Connecticut. The permits are on a lottery basis for state land. There are two zones open—F&O. You can get a permit for them by paying \$10 across the counter at the licensing bureau. You can also do the same for private land hunting. All you need is a consent form from a landowner in the area where you are going to hunt and pay \$10 for the permit.

Deputy Commissioner Dennis P. Carli points out that a good production year followed by a mild winter could very likely result in more birds being reported. The previous record of 318 gobblers was established during the 1988 spring turkey hunt.

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Golf Tip Of The Week "On Looking Up"

by Jim Modzelesky
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You can look up, take your eyes off the ball, maybe even raise your head slightly, and still hit the ball solidly—so long as you don't change the flex of your knees. So, never straighten them as you get to impact.

To go just a little bit further on the subject of "looking up."

Novice Golfers: When someone tells you that you picked-up your head after a bad shot, "Please"—forget about the head and think more on keeping your knees flexed until after the ball has left the clubhead.

Advanced Golfers: The following is a quote from a past U.S. Open champion. *"If there was one thing I thought most about when under pressure, it was to not lose the flex in my knees at any point in my swing."*

Good luck and look for next week's tip.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Jim Modzelesky, the popular golf pro at Oak Ridge Country Club, will be offering weekly golf tips for the benefit of our linksters out there until the end of May. Thank-you.

Agawam Revolver Club Slates Natl. Rifle Association Course

The Agawam Revolver Club is offering a National Rifle Association Basic Safety and Marksmanship course to the public. The cost is \$40. Students who successfully complete the course will be awarded NRA Certificates.

The cost includes the use of firearms, ammunition, targets, instructional material, and NRA certified instructors. Each student will be required to provide his/her own eye and ear protection to be worn at all times while on the range. No personal firearms will be allowed during the first class. Firearms will be provided for use during the class.

Attendance is required at both classes to successfully complete the course. Any unsafe act or unruly behavior is grounds for dismissal from the course. No one under 18 years of age will be allowed to attend without their parent or guardian in attendance.

The course covers the basics of marksmanship, safety, history of firearms, and the care and cleaning.

Please return the application along with the \$40 fee. Class size is limited; only those submitting check with application will be considered, and sent it to Box 502, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, Attention: President.

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Nostalgia Day Road Race Set By Heritage Hall

On Saturday, May 20th, Heritage Hall Nursing Home and the Town of Agawam are teaming up to sponsor the 6.2 mile Founders/Nostalgia Day Road Race. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m., on the Heritage Hall grounds, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam.

The event is open to male and female runners, 15 years-old and up. Entrants will receive post-race refreshments and winners will receive cash prizes. Prizes will be awarded to both categories. First prize is \$100; second, \$50; and third, \$25.

The first 50 registrants will receive Nostalgia Day Road Race t-shirts. Registration fees will be \$7, pre-race entry, and \$8 race day entry. Proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association. Please call Darrell Carlson, 786-8000, for more information about registration.

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Racing At Riverside

Ruggerio & Rosati Secure Second Wins Of '89 At Cold Riverside Speedway Last Saturday

It was a night that every weatherman on the East Coast said would be cancelled because of snow, rain or sleet; everywhere but Riverside Park Speedway.

Over 3,200 brave race fans came out to witness Reggie Ruggerio win his second feature of the season.

Ruggerio started the Budweiser Feature in seventh. Bob Polverari jumped into the early lead. It was then Stan Greger who went to the outside to take the lead. Gregor set the pace through three cautions.

Ruggerio then used the inside to take advantage of Gregor. Gregor had developed a push but still held on as Ruggerio took the lead on lap 39. Once out in front, Ruggerio pulled away by over a straightaway.

The new battle was now for second as Jerry Marquis pressured Gregor until the checker. Ruggerio secured his second \$1,200 victory in the Teddy Bear Pools 44. Second was Gregor (Hosner A-1 Machine). Third went to Marquis (Valley Fish), and fourth was Chris Kopec (Paul's Crane). Fifth was Bruce D'Alessandro (Electrical Contractors).

Sixth to 10th were Dan Avery, Ed Kennedy, Brian Schofield, Charley Pasteryak, and Joe Rzesutek.

"We like the Park. It's great to win before our home team. Congratulations has to go to Mario, Teddy Hebert, and Mark Lyon and crew. The fans can count on us being back this Saturday for win number three," said Ruggerio.

Agawam's Tom Rosati secured his second win of the season in the Pro Stocks. However, opening night winner Jerry Marquis never let Rosati get out of his sight to

the checker.

Following Rosati to the checker was Marquis (Valley Fish), his brother John Rosati (American Saw), John Lobo (Wagner Rug), and Ron LaPerche.

Sixth to 10th went to Dave Carusso, Mark Forino, Wayne Carroll, Scott Bouley, and Dick Houlihan. The victory was his second in the Teddy Bear Pools O'Sullivan Camaro. "This one was easy. But this week I will have to race different when I come from the back," said Rosati.

Tom Carey, Jr., became a new name on the list of new drivers to win in the Late Model Streets. Early leader Dan Delena let Carey move to the inside to take the lead. At the checker it was Mike Duquette finishing second. Third was John Johnson. Fourth was Tom Fearn, and fifth was Dan Delena.

Sixth to 10th were John Meany, Gee Perry, Kevin Czarnecki, Gary Fiormonti, and Dan Ferraci.

The Strictly Stock feature again went green to checker as Brad Boissonneault secured his first win. Second was Mike Quintiliano; third, Dave Jackson; fourth, Dave Bryden; and fifth, Bob Duzlak.

Sixth to 10th were Charley Alessio, Larry Princince, Giggy Giguere, Gene McClain, and Dan Cook.

This Saturday, April 15th, it's the Dave Furoni Memorial with four divisions—NASCAR Tour Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks.

Riverside Has Long & Distinguished History In Auto Racing

Riverside Park Speedway has the distinction of being one of the oldest and most successful race tracks in New England. In 1948, Harvey Tattersall, Jr., president of the United Stock Car Racing Club, approached Edward J. Carroll, Sr., about adding a race track to his park. By the end of the year, six races were run on the new 1/5 mile asphalt oval. The track has run continuously every season since and started another new season on March 25th.

Riverside Park Speedway, a popular place for many drivers who gained distinction by battling every Saturday night. Among the early stars were Jocco Maggiacomo, Benny Germano, Jerry Humiston, Ed Flemke, and Buddy Krebs, champions in the 1950's.

In 1951, the Riverside 500, an interesting "tag team" type race was added to the schedule. It remained popular as a mid-season special until its demise in 1978. Drivers enjoyed the challenge of the distance and the team concept, and the fans like seeing the extra racing excitement and strategy. Germano and Gordon Casey, both of West Springfield, won the inaugural event.

On Tuesdays in the 1960's more cars were towed to the track than driven. Through the years, Tuesdays became the grooving ground for many of today's modified stars, as well as some who have retired.

In 1972, the track was enlarged to a banked quarter-mile. NASCAR took over as the sanctioning body in the bicentennial year. For 1986, there were more improvements for the track. The speedway's banks and turns were built higher and wider providing three-car-wide racing action.

Stars of today's Modified circuit include Bob Polverari, Bruce D'Alessandro, Reggie Ruggerio, Stan Gregor, Agawam's John Rosati, and several others. Riverside currently runs four divisions of auto racing each weekend on Saturday nights from March until September.

For the adventurer and thrill seekers, Riverside also runs a 200-car Demolition Derby, and the 200-car Figure 8 Enduro type races. Bring your hats and gloves for the Thanksgiving special event featuring the Demolition Derby.

Also new for 1989, Director of Racing, Benjamin K. Dodge, Jr., has scheduled two special events for the race fans. On Wednesday, July 26th, Riverside features the NASCAR Modified Tour Show, with favorite drivers competing as far away as Florida, South Carolina, New York, etc.

Again, Budweiser continues to lead the pack with sponsorship support and the list grows each year.

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"Spring Challenge" At Riverside April 22nd

The second major event in the Bud Light Super Ten Series is scheduled for Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, April 22nd. The Spring Challenge is a NASCAR four event special with the Mod Tour Modifieds, Pro's, Strictly Stocks, and a 50-lap special Late Model Show.

Four divisions will share in the excitement of the Budweiser Super Ten Series, each qualifying heat winner will receive \$75 and second will get \$25 in the Modified Division, with all other divisions sharing the same. Consolation events will also pay Bonus Awards. All these cash awards are provided by Budweiser and the William's Distributing Company.

The nation's leading Modified competitors will be pre-entered for the event—Bruce D'Alessandro of East Hartford, Reggie Ruggerio of Forestville, Dan Avery of Somers, Jerry Marquis of Enfield, Bob Polverari of West Springfield, Massachusetts, and Jerry Pearl of Colchester, will be featured with several others to look out for.

First in the 50-lap special event will pay \$1,600; second, \$1,100; third, \$900; fourth, \$675; and fifth,

\$525. The 340 Bonus will also be in effect for competitors like Brian Schofield, Wade Cole, and any other challengers. First in the 340 Bonus program is worth \$125.

Eight other special Budweiser Bonus Nights will follow during the remainder of the 1989 NASCAR Winston Racing Season at Riverside Park Speedway. Gates will open up at 5:00 p.m., with admission for adults, \$9.99, and kids, eight years and under, \$3. A combination ticket is also available for both races and rides for just \$19.99.

For additional information concerning the track or the park, please contact us here at the following telephone number and address: Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001, Attn: Gina G. or call (413) 786-9300, extension 301. Schedules are available by writing now.

Riverside Park Speedway racing opened its racing March 25th and will continue throughout most of September, with Enduros and Demo's held throughout each month.

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Twin 50-Lap Feature At Riverside April 22nd

It's another first for Riverside Park Speedway Racing. On Saturday, April 22nd, the Late Model Streets will run their first extra distance race of the season at the quarter-mile track.

The NASCAR Winston Racing Series special event will feature Twin 50 Lap features, called the Bud Light Spring Challenge. Now called Double Thunder, this race will feature 50 laps for the NASCAR Tour Modifieds plus 50 laps for the Late Model Streets. That's still not all. The Pro Stocks will run 30 laps and the Strictly Stocks will run 15 laps (30 minutes). Combine these features with 16 qualifying events and you have a great night of racing only at Riverside Park Speedway on April 22nd.

Still the real stars of this show will be the Late Model Streets. For them, this is the first time to run double the laps for an extra purse. All the frontrunners will be expected, including opening night feature winner John Meany. His toughest opposition will be expected from Tom Cary, Jr., Mike Duquette, Gee Perry, John Johnson, Dan Ferracci, and Roger Charette.

The champions should not be left out of the program for the big victory—Tom Fearn's the 1988 champion and Dan Dalena will also be real tough.

The Bud Light Late Model Challenge will pay \$500 to win, \$300 for second, \$225 for third, \$200 for fourth, and \$175 for fifth. Any car starting the feature is guaranteed at least \$75.

Modified action will also be strong, with first paying, \$1,200; second, \$800; third, \$600; fourth, \$500; and fifth, \$450. Drivers expected in the Bud Light Challenge include Reggie Ruggiero, John Zavisza, Bob Polverari, Bruce D'Alessandro, Rick Summers, Charley Pasteryak, Tom Bolles.

Pro Stock contenders will include Jerry Marquis, Mark Forino, Tom Rosati, John Lobo, Scott Bouley, Dave Caruso. And don't forget the Strictly Stocks with Mike Quintiliano, Bill Giles, Tim Smith, and Larry Pincince as the favorites.

Strictly Stocks qualify in the afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Admission is just \$9.99 for adults, and \$3 for kids, eight and under. The action starts at 6:00 p.m.

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REAL ESTATE



by Ralph Rachele

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Westfield Wildwater Races Slated For April 23

The 36th annual running of the Westfield River Wildwater Races will take place in Huntington on Sunday, April 23rd.

Over 40 paddlers competed in last year's race, and according to organizers, close to 500 are expected this year to compete in seven novice and 14 expert class races.

Boats eligible for use in the race include open canoes of various lengths with either recreational or competition hulls, kayaks and inflatable kayaks, canoes and rafts.

On the next two Sundays, April 9th and 16th, the race organization will hold whitewater clinics for novice and intermediate paddlers starting at 1:00 p.m. Participants will gather at the Massachusetts Depart-

ment of Public Works yard near the junction of Routes 20 and 112 in Huntington.

The clinics are run by some of the area's finest racers and consist of a short discussion of safety, equipment and technique, followed by guided runs down the entire race course.

According to race organizer Jeff DeFeo, the Army Corps of Engineers may not be able to make water releases for this year's clinics, but the river is running high now and there will be more than enough water for the sessions. The Corps has guaranteed a release on race day, however.

For further information on the clinics or to obtain race entry forms, call 413-354-9684 or 413-667-3451.

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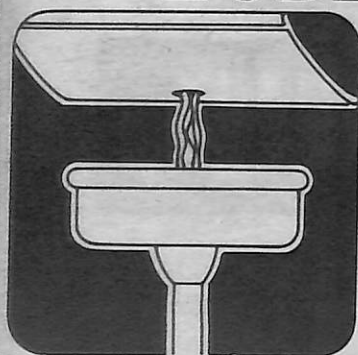


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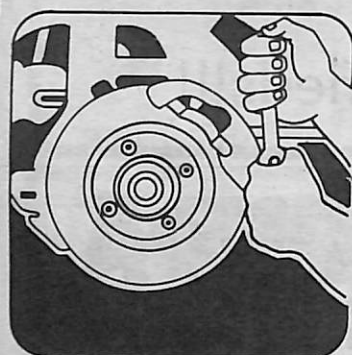
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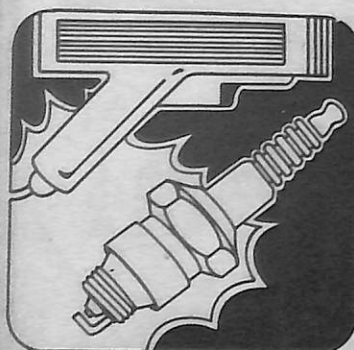
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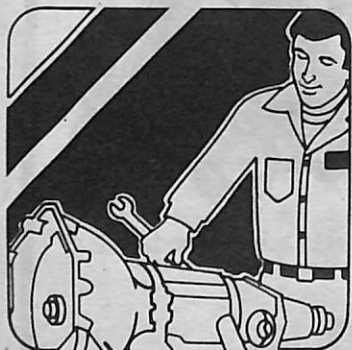
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Notre Dame Bashes St. Mike's To Remain Top Dog In Tri-Parish Bowling's Round 3

With just three weeks in the third and final round of the Tri-Parish Bowling League's 1989 season, Notre Dame (first place-22½ wins) continues to ride high as second place St. Michael (19 wins) and third place St. Anselm (19 wins) desperately seek to clinch berths in the upcoming Grand Championships.

Still in the running are fourth place St. Mary (18) and fifth place Loyola (18). Sixth place Fordham (17) and seventh place Catholic University (17) still have an outside shot but need plenty of victories in the final three weeks to qualify.

In what might be called the key matchup of Round Three, ND showed its for real by bashing St. Mike's, three wins to one. ND winners were BOB PICKETT (263), CHERYL PRZESZLO (314-292 over ED SCHULTSKI), and JOHN RESCIGNO, the team captain (315). Rescigno stunned STU "The Mad Stork" STORK (309), the top roller in the entire league (114.8). Storkie was hoppin' mad about his team's fortunes, promising to be back to the lanes with a vengeance next week. It was a sad night for St. Mike's.

The only St. Mike's winner was lead-off roller CHRISTOPHER ORIFICE (294). NEWS FLASH: Bob Pickett will be on vacation for the next two weeks. His replacement? None other than FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO, who returns to these lanes again as a substitute. We'll be watching how Frankie's presence helps (or hurts) ND.

Third place St. Anselm clobbered ninth place Boston College (15 wins), three wins to one. Another sorry night for BC. St. A's winners were DEBBIE GEORGE (262), JEAN BUONICONTI (261), and RICH SNYDER (319-this guy has been red-hot of late). The only BC winner was captain JOHN "The Hammer" O'CONNELL. He managed to prevent a St. A's sweep by bashing TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK, 314-274. Still, it wasn't even a good night for "The Hammer."

Fourth place St. Mary (18 wins) took three wins from 11th place Holy Cross (11 wins). Why is HC always near or in the cellar at the end of the year? St. Mary's winners were STELLA BARBIERI (280), TERRY CERPOVICZ (296-285 over STEP STEPANIAN), "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI (306), and captain JOHN PRO-

VOST, who battered 362 pins in beating outclassed LARRY VIENS (327) into waving a white flag.

Loyola (5th place-18 wins), a team that is quite a puzzle, took three wins from sagging and staggering G-Town, our Round One and Two champs (10th place-11 wins). G-Town totally dominated this league from September to mid-February, but has really floundered since then. What will happen to them in the Grand Championships?

The Loyola winner was JOHN MLINEK (308-much better score for John). G-Town individual winners were CINDY KOZAK (279), VI MASSOIA (269), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO, 300-297 over Loyola captain STEVE ROVITHIS. This was a rather sorry match between two of the league's better rollers (and big rivals, too).

Fordham, a team on the decline for at least three weeks, put a grinding halt to a potential title drive by Catholic University (7th place-17 wins), four wins to none. Fordham is now in sixth place with 17 wins and still has an outside shot at climbing back into the first division.

Fordham winners were JOE RESCIGNO (285), SANDY PRZESZLO (324-shattered her opponent by 57 pins), and captain ANN O'CONNELL (311). Ann out-fought shocked and disappointed CU captain JIM SNYDER (295). Snyder left the lanes rather dispondent, knowing full well that this was probably a turning point in the wrong direction for his team.

The only CU winner was the new "Queen of the May," KATHY BURLINGHAM (wife of "Jungle" JIM BURLINGHAM). Kathy fired a 333 at poor FRED MORASSI, who figured a 312 would be enough to subdue Kathy. Not on this night as she continues to pad her league-lead in the women's division.

In the final match of the night, last year's Grand Champs, St. Louis (8th place-15½ wins), wasted last place Villanova (9 wins), four wins to none. St. Lou winners were VENETTA SNYDER (279), RON PROVOST (298), RICK KOZAK (313), and LOU MULDER (294). Villanova captain RENEE JURY continued her two-month swoon with a lowly 271. Renee must still be thinking about those balmy Bermuda nights from her February vacation.

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The event will begin at 12:00 noon with lunch; a shot-gun start is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., and an awards ceremony and dinner will follow in the evening.

The Children's Study Home is the oldest private non-profit child welfare agency in Western Massachusetts. The Children's Study Home offers a variety of programs; special education schools, residential treatment, family therapy, protective services, services to homeless families and a family education program. The Agency has been servicing needy children and their families since 1865.

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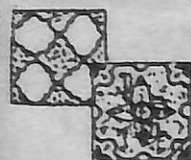


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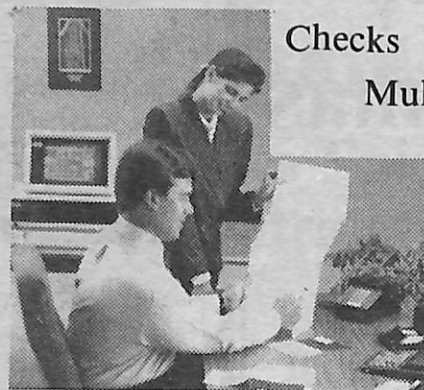
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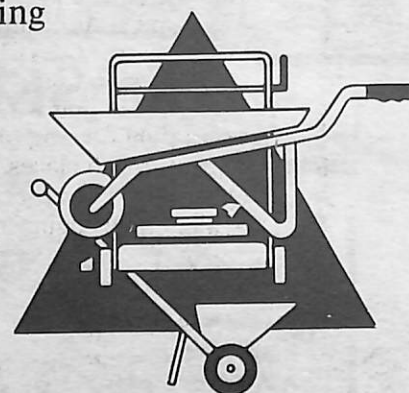
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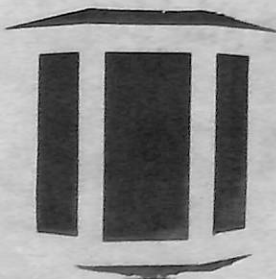
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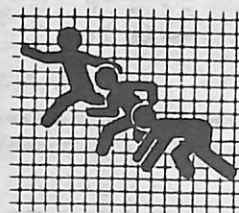
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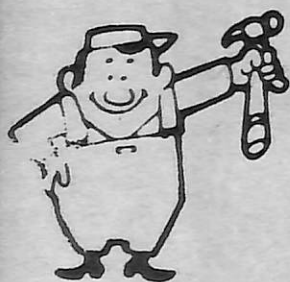
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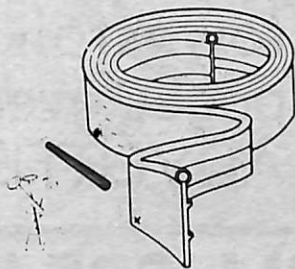
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